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## Territories closure extended till Sunday

ALON PINKAS

THE closure imposed on the territories late last month was last night extended until 4 a.m. Sunday, the IDF Spokesman announced.

Despite the extension, the fifth since closure was first imposed on Gaza on September 21 before the signing of the Oslo 2 agreement, special permits will be issued to 1,500 Palestinian laborers to enter Israel for work in olive groves.

The closure was originally imposed following information about possible attacks by Hamas in protest of the Oslo 2 agreement. Army sources said last night the intelligence information on possible attacks is still valid and the closure is likely to be further extended after Sunday.

This morning, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran is to issue his senior commanders instructions on the implementation of the redeployment mandated by the Oslo 2 agreement, army sources confirmed last night.

Biran will issue the timetables and specifics of redeployment in various cities and towns in areas A, B, and C, the division of responsibility over security between Israelis and Palestinians, the establishment of district coordination and cooperation offices (DCOs) with the Palestinian Authority, and mechanisms of cooperation.

Elections to the Palestinian council are expected to take place on January 22, 1996. The agreement with the Palestinians stipulates elections be held 22 days after the completion of redeployment, which is expected by December, with the exception of Hebron.

A last-minute change in the agreement, reached in Washington, postponed redeployment in Hebron and consequently raised the possibility elections would be held only in April 1996, after redeployment in Hebron is completed.

On Monday, OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan said the Palestinians would have to choose whether to hold elections in January without Hebron, or wait for redeployment in Hebron, scheduled for March 1996, and hold elections in April.

## Pollard: Don't link my release to terrorists

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NEW YORK

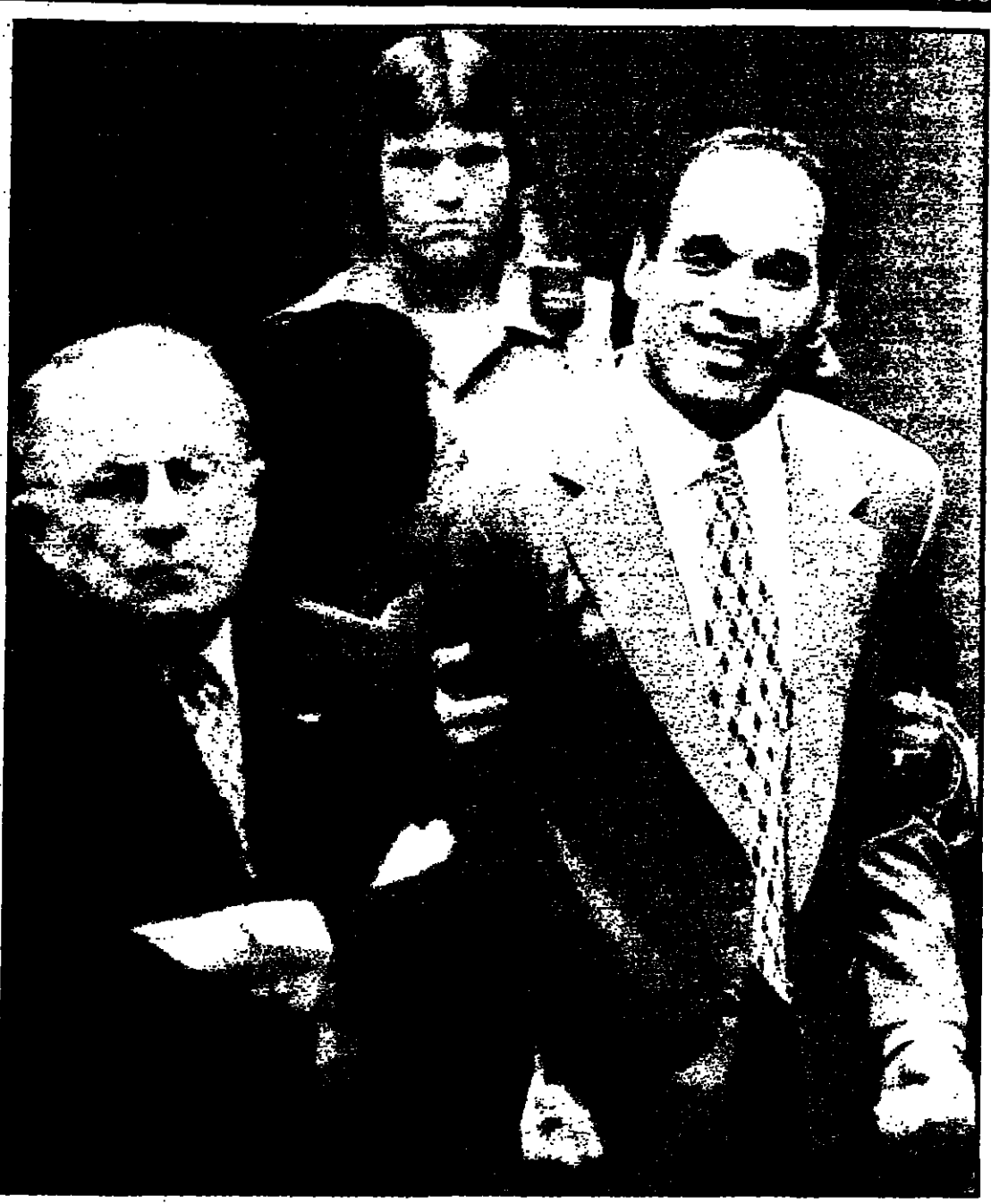
JONATHAN Pollard does not want his freedom linked to the release of Arab terrorists, a friend of the jailed naval analyst said Tuesday.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last week that he "mentioned the matter of Pollard against the background of the release of prisoners" during his meeting with President Bill Clinton.

"Jonathan said he never would have suggested that his freedom be purchased with the release of women terrorists who have killed Jews," said David Kirshenbaum, an attorney who has visited and spoken regularly with Pollard over the past five years.

Pollard, who is serving a life sentence for spying for Israel, spoke with Kirshenbaum Sunday night.

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O.J. Simpson clenches his fists in victory in a Los Angeles courtroom Tuesday after hearing he had been acquitted of the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. (AP)

## Jury acquits O.J. Simpson of double-murder charge

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LOS ANGELES

IT ended much as it began: an American football legend on the move, zipping down the freeway in a white vehicle, news helicopters in hot pursuit, nobody really sure what was going to happen next.

In the O.J. Simpson trial, the surreal became the real, the sensational became the conventional. So much hyperbole had been expended for so long that it almost seemed inadequate to refer to the verdict as stunning, shocking, dramatic.

But it was.

Orenthal James Simpson, who earned fame for running down the football field, will now go down in history for walking out of jail. A jury of 10 women and two men, after deliberations shorter than many of Simpson's football games, acquitted him of murder.

The prosecution's mountain of evidence crumbled in the jury room in less than four hours, and the first hints suggested at least one juror was heavily influenced by defense claims that testimony from Los Angeles Police detective Mark Fuhrman was not to be trusted because of his racist views.

The daughter of Juror No. 3,

Anise Aschenbach, a 61-year-old retiree, described in an interview with ABC television a telephone conversation she had with her mother shortly after the verdict.

"She said, 'I think he probably did it, Denise,'" said the daughter, who was identified only by her first name. "I said something like, 'Gosh, you're kidding me.' And she said, 'No,' and she's crying. So I said: 'Why? What happened?'"

"She said it was because there wasn't enough evidence. And I said, 'Why?' She said, 'Because of Mark Fuhrman.' It was Fuhrman who found the bloody glove that prosecutors said was crucial evidence linking Simpson to the killings.

Lionel "Lon" Cryer told the *Los Angeles Times* that he and other jurors kept finding holes in the prosecution case, and concluded there were many opportunities for contamination of evidence.

"It was garbage in, garbage out," he said. "There was a problem with what was being presented to prosecutors for testing from LAPD."

Cryer said jurors found noted forensic pathologist Dr. Henry Lee, a defense witness who detailed problems with the prosecution's evidence, "the most credible witness" of all.

Half the people in the United States disagree with the not guilty verdicts, according to a poll published yesterday in the *Times*.

The snap survey, taken immediately after the verdicts were announced, said 41 percent of those polled agreed with the verdicts while 9 percent were not sure either way.

A larger majority, 60%, were doubtful that justice had been served. Only 37% were confident that justice had been served, while 3% said they did not know.

When the court clerk read the verdict, emotions electrified the courtroom. Simpson's family gasped. The victims' families cried.

Only Simpson appeared oddly calm, smiling a crooked grin, waving, hugging an attorney. He (Continued on Page 12)

## Simpson's 'Dream Team' begins fight over spoils

News agencies  
LOS ANGELES

NO more sweet dreams for the Dream Team.

The ink on the jury forms was barely dry when O.J. Simpson's attorneys went from attacking the prosecution to attacking each other, capping the biggest victory of their legal careers with a cat fight.

Robert Shapiro said he was so disgusted with his colleagues' tactics that he would never work with Johnnie Cochran Jr. or F. Lee Bailey again; in fact, he won't even speak to Bailey.

Bailey, in return, called Shapiro a "sick little puppy."

Cochran told KCAL-TV in Los Angeles that apparently Shapiro's "ego has really gotten crushed in the course of this trial and I feel very sorry for him."

Shapiro was absent when several defense attorneys, including Cochran, Bailey, Robert Blasier and Gerald Uelman, dined and posed for pictures at a West Hollywood restaurant.

The feud was reminiscent of the dispute that surfaced on the eve of opening statements in January, when Shapiro likened Bailey to a "snake" and Bailey said Simpson was being ill-served by Shapiro's sniping. A short time after that exchange, Cochran replaced Shapiro as lead attorney.

At that time, there were reports that Bailey and his associates had leaked information through the media to denigrate Shapiro's courtroom skills and enhance Bailey's own standing.

But the attorneys made up in front of the cameras and there was little talk after that of any discussion.

The new row erupted when Shapiro, in an ABC interview, criticized Cochran's closing argument in which he urged jurors to acquit Simpson to send a message against racist police.

"Not only did we play the race card, we dealt it from the bottom of the deck," Shapiro said.

Shapiro, who is Jewish, also said he was "deeply offended" when Cochran told jurors that retired Detective Mark Fuhrman was a racist with power, similar to Adolf Hitler.

"To me the Holocaust stands alone as the most horrible human event in modern civilization," Shapiro said. "And with the Holocaust came Adolf Hitler, and to compare this man in any way to a rogue cop, in my opinion was wrong."

He said he passed on his concerns to Cochran.

"He believes that everything in America is related to race; I do not," Shapiro said. "I believe there are certainly racial problems in this country, and I believe that peaceful solutions can help bring the races together."

Shapiro said Cochran did not warn him in advance of the Hitler comparison, and that he would not work again with the fiery black attorney.

Cochran has repeatedly dismissed the charge of playing the race card as "preposterous."

"We followed what we called the credibil-

ity card," Cochran said on the CBS Evening News. He said the prosecution had produced Fuhrman, the police detective who claimed to have found a bloody glove at Simpson's estate, and it was therefore the defense's duty to reveal his racial biases.

Of the Hitler comparison, Cochran told NBC television: "That's an oblique reference that in no way trivialized the Holocaust, which I very much appreciate and understand."

Dan Rather of CBS later quoted Cochran as telling him he felt sorry Shapiro was angry. "He must be deeply troubled," Rather quoted Cochran as saying.

"On this, our happiest day of our whole careers, I feel bad for him. I feel sorry for him. He's the one who has problems. We don't."

In his ABC interview, Shapiro also said he did not plan to work with fellow defense attorney F. Lee Bailey again, indicating that their friendship had been wrecked by the strains of the case.

"It's a very, very sad point in my life. This is a man who I had a very close relationship with, and I will never have a relationship with him," Shapiro said.

"It was my desire to have him behind the scenes, to rely on his great wisdom and brainpower," Shapiro said, "but I did not feel that he should be in the courtroom."

Bailey, in fact, was entrusted with the key assignment of cross-examining Fuhrman.

"He's kind of a sick little puppy," Bailey responded yesterday on NBC. "I think it's Bob's shattered ego."

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## Coalition expected to pass Oslo 2 by narrow margin

SARAH HONIG

THE government is expected to squeeze through tonight's crucial Knesset vote on the Oslo 2 accord, after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, before Yom Kippur, easily convinced Deputy Housing Minister Alex Goldfarb of Y'ud to vote with the coalition.

However, Rabin failed to sway his own party's MKs Avigdor Kahalani and Emanuel Zissman to do likewise.

Rabin has decided to make the Knesset poll a vote of confidence, Israel Radio announced late last night.

Barring surprises and assuming there will be no absentees from the Knesset plenum tonight, the government is expected to put together 61 votes to ratify the accord.

The Likud was to decide this morning whether to declare today's vote a no-confidence motion in order to win a week's postponement.

The High Court of Justice ruled earlier this week that the government cannot begin implementing the Oslo 2 agreement, including the freeing of terrorists, until the Knesset has had its say.

The Likud is further demanding that Labor publicize the details of an agreement the Likud claims exists between Labor and the Y'ud faction. The Likud claims the two Y'ud MKs - Energy Minister Gonen Seggev and Goldfarb - have agreed to support the government in return for a promise to include them on the next Labor Knesset list. By law, any such agreement must be made public.

Labor and Y'ud alike formally deny such an agreement exists, though Labor is rife with rumors to that effect.

On Tuesday, Molelet Party chairman MK Rehavam Ze'evi petitioned the High Court to order Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss to postpone today's session on Oslo 2, on the grounds he had received the text of the agreement without maps only on Tuesday and did not have time to study it. The court rejected his petition the same day.

The government is counting on the support of all Labor MKs (except Kahalani and Zissman), the dozen Meretz MKs, Hadash and the Democratic Arab Party, and Y'ud's Goldfarb and Seggev.

The opposition is apparently resigned to narrowly losing the vote and will try to turn the debate into a fight for public opinion until the vote is taken, sometime late tonight or early tomorrow morning. Coalition sources say they remain nervous about the outcome, fearing that discontent Laborites might seek to get back at the party or hold it to ransom at the last moment.

Worried Laborites have not ruled out a last-minute insurrection by MKs Avi Yehezkel or Shlomo Buhbut. Yehezkel, who is under investigation for his role in the Histadrut corruption scandals, feels the party has abandoned him and made a scapegoat of him. While there is little fear he would actually vote against the party, some are worried the hawkish Yehezkel might not show up for the vote. He is seen as having little to lose, since his chances of winning a slot on the next Labor list are considered negligible.

Buhbut has repeatedly expressed concern during the past few days over "the failure to ensure the extradition of wanted terrorists" and the fear that "all cities under PLO authority would serve as staging grounds and safe havens for terrorists."

Rabin met with three of the wavering MKs - Goldfarb, Kahalani, and Zissman - on Tuesday morning, as well as with a number of other Labor hawks, including Deputy Education Minister Micha Goldman and MK Gedalya Gal.

In contrast to the vote on the Golan special majority bill this summer, when Goldfarb kept the whole country guessing until the last minute, Rabin had no problem convincing him to announce his choice. A source in Rabin's office said that, "[Goldfarb] had made up his mind before and knew which choice he must make ... He has no political future apart from the one Labor can make for him."

But Goldfarb vehemently denied he had received any promises about being on Labor's next Knesset list as part of a "merger" with his Y'ud faction, which split off from the right-wing Tsomet.

"No one had to promise me anything. Rabin and I had a purely ideological talk. We exchanged views and reached an agreement," said Goldfarb.

Following their own meeting with Rabin, Labor rebels Kahalani and Zissman announced that, even if the prime minister makes this a vote of confidence, they will not change their minds. Kahalani said that, "The more Rabin talked and the more he explained, the worse the picture got."

"After seeing the agreement and the maps, and hearing him trying to explain things away and obviously keep from answering many vital questions, our apprehensions about what is facing this country only increased. Things are far more dangerous than we ever imagined before the talk with Rabin. Not only did he not put our minds at ease, but he magnified the doubts."

Zissman agreed. "The more

convoluted the explanations and excuses that I heard from Rabin, the deeper became my resolve to vote against this ill-considered agreement," he said. "The more Rabin talked, the greater my realization that I did right to decide to oppose what he is doing."

"I know that there are several others in Labor who are experiencing considerable unease, as more and more details of the Oslo 2 pact are unfolding. But these people fear the Labor and coalition steamroller and dare not come out against the party machine in an election year, lest their political careers be terminated. I had taken into account all of the consequences to my own standing in the party and am motivated by the fact that I remain loyal to the party platform, something which the party leadership cannot claim."

Kahalani and Zissman are seen as burning their bridges with Labor and placing all their political eggs in the Third Way basket. The Third Way movement is expected to announce it will turn into a political party and field its own ticket in next year's Knesset elections.

Rabin is reported by those close to him to be seething about what is now regarded as the inevitable walkout from Labor by Kahalani and Zissman, referring to the two as "thieves" and accusing them of "stealing votes from Labor."

Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu accused Rabin on Tuesday of "hypocrisy. How dare he complain of being robbed of two Knesset mandates, when his own majority hinges in the clearest fashion on two votes he stole from the national camp? Seggev and Goldfarb were elected on the Tsomet platform, which strenuously opposes ceding territory."

Netanyahu ordered all Likud MKs not to have anything to do with Goldfarb and not to seek to get him to change his mind. "I don't want to deal with this man. I don't want to know him. I don't want contact with his sort and I will not chase after him," he said.

Law Collins adds:

Scores of policemen will be placed within the Knesset compound in case of demonstrations by opponents of the Oslo 2 agreement.

Although policemen have often been brought in to back up the Knesset Guard, usually the demonstrations have been over economic, not political issues; such as the sale of Israel Shipyard or the crisis in agriculture.

Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss consulted with Jerusalem Police Chief Cmdr. Arye Amit on Tuesday and asked the police to keep as low a profile as possible. Weiss said he would not allow water cannons or mounted police within the Knesset grounds.

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# Knesset panel hears summary of Oslo 2

THE Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee held a special meeting Tuesday morning to hear a report on Oslo 2 by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, and Yoel Singer, the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser.

Rabin told the committee the government wants to ensure that Israel remains a Jewish, not binational, state, "and at its heart a unified Jerusalem plus [Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Ze'ev and Mevo Betar] and its eastern border the Jordan Valley."

Likud Chairman Benjamin Netanyahu complained that the opposition had not yet received a copy of the maps delineated in the agreement. A set was given to him 15 minutes later on Rabin's orders.

Seven hundred observers will monitor the Palestinian elections, expected to take place in Janu-

LIAT COLLINS

ary, Singer said.

Regarding Jerusalem, he said, "Seven thousand sick and elderly persons will be able to vote in post offices in eastern Jerusalem, using special containers."

This statement created an uproar among opposition committee members, who said the prime minister had promised there would be no polling booths in Jerusalem.

The prime minister is "blinding the public," Likud MK Ze'ev Ben-Gurion said. Rabin admitted there is an element of voting in this arrangement, "and I don't care what they call these containers."

Likud MK Ariel Sharon said that even judging by the government's own statements, there are problems with the maps, to which Rabin replied the maps are signed and cannot be changed.

Netanyahu claimed the agreement will take Israel back to 1967 borders, as can be seen on the maps. These maps outline the final agreement, Netanyahu said, "and it's a security nightmare."

Dayan said that at the end of the redeployment process there will be 12,000 Palestinian policemen in Judea and Samaria and 18,000 in Gaza.

In Judea and Samaria the police will be armed with 4,000 rifles and 4,000 handguns.

The road to Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem will remain under Israeli control.

Singer said that the agreement forbids either side from changing the status of the areas. Israel cannot annex the territory, and the Palestinians cannot declare a state.

He noted that there are no restrictions on building within Jewish settlements.

## Arafat will have to fulfill deal on extradition requests, says senior Clinton official

PALESTINIAN Authority chairman Yasser Arafat will eventually have to fulfill his pledge to act against terrorism by extraditing wanted murderers to Israel, for trial, a senior Clinton administration official said Tuesday.

"This is a problem, and it is a problem that needs to be worked on," the official said of the PA's having to date refused all Israeli requests for extradition of terrorists under the Cairo Agreement.

"I think Arafat has to realize that people who carry out acts of terror, who kill Israelis - he's got to deal with it in a more effective way, and at some point, he's going to have to turn people over to the Israelis."

The official said the US has continued impressing on Arafat the need to condemn terrorism and violence, and expressed satisfaction that in his address in Arabic at the White House signing last week of the Oslo 2 accord, Arafat spoke out against those

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WASHINGTON

scourges.

"I think the principal challenge will be terrorism and whether Arafat can control it."

"He has to send a clear message to Palestinians that he will not tolerate violence."

The official added that Arafat has come a long way from when he was "very reluctant" over the past two years to accede to US and Israeli pressures that he condemn terror attacks.

"We have tried to explain to him that he has to tell this, he has to state clearly - to Palestinians and Israelis - what this agreement is about... and to say to Palestinians: No more terrorism."

Referring to the recent tapes in which Arafat told Gaza audiences that they must continue in a jihad, the official said Arafat "needs to change the tone and

substance of what he says to people."

Arafat meanwhile told the US last week he had ordered Palestinian security forces to investigate the death in PA custody of a Palestinian-American grocer visiting Ein Yabroud, a senior administration official said here.

US Consul-General in Jerusalem Edward Abington spoke with Arafat shortly after the death of Azzam Mohammed Rahim Mosleh last Friday and "he said he'd ordered the preventive police in Jericho to look into it," the official said.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said Monday that "there are no plans" for an American investigation in the matter, although earlier US press reports indicated that the FBI may look into Mosleh's death.

"We will concentrate on working with the Palestinian Authority to pursue this issue," Burns told reporters.

## Gaddafi offers to camp out with Palestinians on border

ON THE LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN BORDER (AP) - With customary bravado, Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi offered yesterday to camp out with Palestinians stranded in a no man's land and promised to build a city there if other Arabs refused to let them enter.

Speaking to a crowd of 3,000 at a camp set up at the border, Gaddafi said the plight of the Palestinians whom he has thrown out was an effective strategy to show the world the Israel-PLO accord was useless.

"I consider this - although it is agony for you - an international and strategic gain to show that the Palestinian people's issue has not been solved and that all that you have heard on the media is treason, lies and a sham."

As many as 1,000 Palestinians, some of whom have lived in Libya for decades, are stranded at the border crossing near the Mediterranean Sea.

A handful have crossed to PLO-run areas, others without travel documents are simply biding their time.

Gaddafi renewed the expulsions last week after reportedly agreeing to stop them under pressure from the Palestine Liberation Organization and Arab countries, which have harshly criticized what they call a propaganda play by Libya.

By deporting the Palestinians, Gaddafi wants to show that the PLO-Israel accord is a sham, failing to account for hundreds of thousands of Palestinians whose families fled at the creation of Israel in 1948. The future of those refugees is to be left until the last stage of Israel-PLO talks starting next year.

At the speech, hundreds of Libyans and Palestinians clapped, chanted and called on Gaddafi to defy the "new imperialism."

## Hamas paper will resume publication

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has allowed Hamas to resume publication of its weekly newspaper, a Hamas leader said yesterday.

Arafat had closed down the Gaza-based newspaper, *Al-Watan* ("The Nation"), two months ago, after it published an article critical of Arafat. It was the second time Arafat shut down the weekly since July 1994.

Imad Falouji, owner of *Al-Watan*, said yesterday he was given permission to start publishing again signing a pledge that he would not incite against Arafat's government or "defame" Palestinian officials. He said the paper will come out next week. (AP)

## 46% of Palestinians express support for accord

JON IMMANUEL

A POLL conducted among 500 Palestinians indicates that 46 percent support the interim agreement and believe it is a step toward a Palestinian state.

Some 29% oppose it, and 25% have no opinion.

The survey, conducted by the Beit Sahur-based Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (PCPO) after the initialing in Taba but before the ceremony in Washington, indicated that fewer opposed Oslo 2 than opposed Oslo 1 two years ago.

However, only 20% consider Israel will be serious in implementing the agreement.

Another 64% think Israel will not be serious about implementation, and 16% have no opinion.

Thirty-six percent support the repeal of anti-Israel provisions in the Palestinian National Charter, while 34% are against this and 30% have no opinion.

The poll, with a 3.5% margin of error, registered 34% in favor of "military operations against Israeli targets."

In a poll by the PCPO five months ago 60% supported attacks.

The two issues in the agreement with the biggest negative response are prisoners and Hebron, with 54% unhappy with the arrangements for a three-stage prisoner release and 59% opposed to the arrangements in Hebron.

The poll said 72% wanted a "democratic republican" regime in a future state and 24% wanted an "Islamic caliphate" and 4% wanted "a monarchy."

## PA bodyguard shot dead

GAZA (Reuters) - Three masked gunmen killed a bodyguard in a gunfight outside the Gaza Strip house of the head of the Palestinian Authority's civil defense before dawn on Tuesday, security sources said.

The killing occurred at the house in Rafah of Brig.-Gen. Mahmoud Abu Marzuk, head of civil defense in the Gaza Strip and brother of US-held Musa Abu Marzuk, a Hamas leader.

The guard was identified as Palestinian policeman Wael Maghari. The motive for the killing was unclear.

The sources said the masked men, wearing jeans and black shirts and armed with automatic rifles and pistols, were on foot. They hurled a hand grenade, which did not explode while they escaped.

The US in July announced the detention of Musa Abu Marzuk, whose movement opposes PLO peace with Israel and claims responsibility for killing Israelis in suicide bombings.

## Beirut condemns Oslo 2

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Lebanese Foreign Minister Faris Bouez told the General Assembly yesterday that the media euphoria surrounding the recent signing of Oslo 2 between Israel and the Palestinians was not warranted.

"Could this glorification by the media be an alternative to legitimate rights?" he asked.

"Could this illusion of a solution, actually put an end to this problem?"

Bouez said the "media euphoria... makes us question the extent of authority practiced by the Palestinian people, the size of the territories to be returned, and ultimately to inquire about the fate of three-quarters of the Palestinian people who were displaced from the land of Palestine."

He asked whether the 400,000 Palestinians now in Lebanon and others around the world will "ever enjoy their long-awaited right to return."

He also complained that Israel continued to occupy Lebanese territory 17 years after the adoption of a Security Council resolution calling for a full Israeli withdrawal.

Referring to a zone controlled by Israeli troops and Lebanese militia allies, he said: "Israeli logic, built on the establishment of security zones inside Lebanese territories and on a security belt has also failed. The cost has by far outweighed the rewards."

## Bomb kills three Lebanese

DAVID RUDGE

THREE Lebanese civilians, one of them a woman, were killed in a roadside bomb attack near the Beit Yahoun crossing point in the western sector of the security zone late on Tuesday afternoon.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack, charging that the three were all "collaborators" working with the "Zionist enemy."

The Voice of the South radio station broadcasting from the zone, however, said the woman had worked for the IDF's civil aid authorities, and of the two men, one was a driver and the other a

porter working at the crossing point.

The three, from Nabal and Bint J'bal villages, were traveling in a car not far from the Beit Yahoun crossing point when a large explosive device was detonated alongside the vehicle, killing all three.

Reports from Lebanon said IDF and South Lebanese Army gunners fired several artillery rounds at suspected Hizbullah targets north of the zone in the wake of the attack.

There were no reports of any other major incidents in south Lebanon over Yom Kippur.

## Saudi FM: When we're ready, we'll establish ties

MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK

SAUDI Arabia is prepared to have relations with Israel, the Gulf state's foreign minister said, but not "until we are ready."

"If there is peace in the region, I can say unequivocally that we will normalize relations with Israel," Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal al Saud said Monday in New York, during his first meeting ever with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "However, timetables and politics do not go hand in hand. Substance is more important."

"You must allow us to move in accordance with our national consensus," he said.

He praised the signing of the interim accord between Israel and the Palestinians last week in Washington, and asked American Jews to support the Israeli government, said Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice president of the Presidents' Conference.

Saudi is pledged to peace with Israel, the Saudi official said. He said that the "one thing that could prevent peace is if the government of Israel finds it politically impossible to move forward with peace," referring to opposition confronting Prime Minister Rabin.

## Shara calls on US to secure Israel's full Golan withdrawal

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara called on the United States on Tuesday to fulfill what he said was a commitment to secure Israel's complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights and southern Lebanon.

Shara said Syria and the Arab states expected the United States "to seek to eliminate the obstacles that Israel continues to place on the road to achieving a just and lasting peace in the region."

Such peace could only come, he said, with "Israel's complete withdrawal from the Golan to the June 4, 1967, line and from southern Lebanon."

Also, Syria Tuesday renewed its rejection of Israel's demand to have early warning stations on both sides of the Golan Heights in the event of an Israeli withdrawal.

"Syria has rejected any form of Israeli presence on the Golan Heights and stressed the need to have equivalent security arrangements," Damascus Radio said in its daily commentary.

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## British papers shower scorn on verdict

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's best-selling tabloid newspapers were united yesterday in the scepticism they showed towards the acquittal of O.J. Simpson.

"What a farce - Circus sets O.J. free to make millions" ran *Today* newspaper's headline.

"O what a sick joke" echoed the *Daily Star*. "Money talks - O.J. walks."

The *Sun*, devoting its first three pages to the case and the Los Angeles jury's not guilty verdict, called his acquittal "the biggest surprise in legal history."

The jurors in the O.J. Simpson trial were asked to consider a mountain of evidence pointing to his guilt, the *Daily Express* said. "They chose to avert their eyes."

Many of the papers, low-brow and high-brow, blamed the collapse of the prosecution case on retired police detective Mark Fuhrman, who was revealed as a racist and whose defense accused of planting evidence.

"The predominantly black jury came to a fairly swift consensus that the defendant had fallen foul of racist attitudes in the Los Angeles Police Department," wrote the *Times*.

The *Guardian*, bemoaning the way the trial was conducted in front of a huge media circus, said in an editorial entitled, "American justice in tatters":

"The whole world has been watching. It will not be impressed."

Unaccustomed to prying television cameras in courts where judges and lawyers still wear wigs and are governed by strict laws on evidence and court reporting, British lawyers felt that justice may have been undermined by some aspects of the double-murder trial of the former U.S. football player.

"It could only happen in America," said lawyer Gary Jacobs who presents a legal radio show. "I don't think it could happen here as we do not have the style of presentation and we have different rules of evidence and they are still adhered to," he added.

The English system still holds sway in many former colonies around the world and has much in common with that of the United States, but the law on pre-trial media coverage and many legal procedures are quite different.



A horde of photographers, reporters, and TV crews waits outside the gates of O.J. Simpson's Rockingham Estate in Los Angeles yesterday, waiting for a sign from the freed man a day after his acquittal. (AP)

## Simpson verdict greeted with disbelief

News agencies  
HONG KONG

FROM the United States to China and Britain to New Zealand, the world gasped with disbelief at O.J. Simpson's acquittal on double murder charges in "The Trial of the Century."

Reasonable doubt, double jeopardy, mistrial, hung jury - the intricacies of California jurisprudence that had Americans on the edge of their seats don't easily translate outside the United States.

But "guilty" and "not guilty" are straightforward enough, and Simpson's fascination spread around the globe.

People virtually everywhere waited with tense anticipation for the verdict in the true-life soap opera that began on June 12, 1994 with the murder of the former American football star's ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend, Ron Goldman.

Only in a very few places, notably France, were the trial and the verdict treated with indifference. No TV or radio station interrupted regular programming to carry the verdict live; instead the all-news LCI television channel and

the all-news radio France-Info carried full reports on the verdict well into their regular newscasts.

News of the acquittal jolted America, prompting both relieved cheers and incredulity. It surprised both those who believed Simpson innocent and those convinced he was guilty - opinions that often divided along racial lines.

Such subtleties were lost on one newsreader in Colombia who pronounced: "The whole world thought he was guilty."

Not necessarily: A Brazilian TV station's editorial said: "What's really on trial here is racism in the United States," and in Barbados, most callers to a phone-in poll conducted by the Sunday Sun concluded Simpson was "framed."

Vienna's daily *Die Presse*, Austria's most reputable broadsheet, pushed its deadline back by more than an hour to include the verdict in yesterday's morning editions. "Triumph for O.J. Simpson - he's

free!" it blared on the front page.

"It's a story that the whole world has followed," the paper's evening copy editor Alexander Fieber said. "It doesn't involve Austria in any way and a year ago hardly anyone knew who O.J. Simpson was. Now everyone knows..."

New Zealand morning radio and television led on Simpson, virtually a complete unknown in New Zealand before his trial, although the verdict came too late for morning papers.

Former Prime Minister and opposition Member of Parliament, David Lange, a lawyer, said the case appeared to conform with an old British jury saying that it was better to let a guilty man go free than convict an innocent man.

Most Australians were asleep when the verdict came, leaving them to wake up to radio bulletins dominated by reports of the acquittal and then a deluge of talk-back calls from mostly astounded

people. Callers said they could not believe the verdict and blamed his well-paid defense team for using the race card to obscure the evidence. One caller to Australia's most popular talkback show was so angry she began crying during the phone call.

While Hong Kong's three English-language papers gave the O.J. Simpson verdict front-page treatment with extensive coverage inside as well, the Chinese press neither gave it their front pages nor their sympathy.

If anything, several major Hong Kong Chinese papers ridiculed the entire affair - Simpson, the nine-month long televised trial, the numerous witnesses and the surprisingly brief jury deliberations.

In China, Shanghai's *Liberation Daily* described the trial as a long-running television soap opera and said the verdict left many questions about the murder unanswered.

The newspaper made the trial verdict its main foreign story, written by a correspondent in New York, with pictures of a delighted Simpson and weeping relatives of one of the victims.

In other Asian countries such as Japan, South Korea and Taiwan there was limited reaction, partly because the news came too late for many morning newspapers but also because there was little interest.

In Japan he was not particularly well known compared with other American stars, Japanese newspaper editors said.

## What will life hold for O.J. Simpson?

DEBORAH HASTINGS  
LOS ANGELES

NO longer charged with murder, no longer locked behind bars, O.J. Simpson now steps forward to reclaim his life, his children and his livelihood.

None of it will be easy. Despite acquittal, Simpson's legal battles are far from over. He still faces three civil lawsuits, with no trial dates in sight.

Legal custody of his youngest children, Sydney, 9, and Justin, 7, rests with his former in-laws, Louis and Juditha Brown.

Simpson already has written one book, *I Want To Tell You*, and is said to be working on another. His first, for which he was given a \$1 million advance by publishers Little, Brown and Co., immediately topped *The New York Times* best-seller list and has earned him at least \$3 million more.

In an upcoming *Money* magazine article, Simpson's post-trial earning power is estimated at \$10 million, including \$2 million from a pay-per-view TV interview.

Behind bars, Simpson also signed 2,500 trading cards, for which he was paid \$200,000, and authorized the sale of 21-inch bronze statues in his likeness, for which he received \$50,000 up front, according to *Money*.

How much of that will be eaten by legal costs, of course, is another matter. Simpson's criminal lawyers, who number more than 12, have been on the payroll for up to 16 months at undisclosed rates.

Add to that the costs of civil attorneys to battle three wrongful death lawsuits. Simpson can still be sued because the burden of

proof is lighter in civil cases. In such matters, verdicts are based on a preponderance of evidence, rather than the "moral certainty beyond a reasonable doubt" necessary for criminal conviction.

Goldman's father and sister, Fred and Kim Goldman, claimed in their lawsuit that Simpson acted with "vicious and outrageous savagery" in killing the 25-year-old Goldman, and Goldman's birth-mother, Sharon Ruiz, has filed a separate suit.

The Browns' civil claim alleges that Simpson "brutally and with malice aforethought stalked, attacked and repeatedly stabbed and beat" his 35-year-old ex-wife.

In another legal filing, on July 27, 1994, the Browns were appointed guardians of Sydney Brooke Simpson and Justin Ryan Simpson.

O.J. Simpson signed those papers, with the following stipulation: "Simpson is entitled to seek termination of this guardianship and resumption of his status as a parent having legal and physical custody, upon his release from incarceration."

According to Simpson, those children are now his No. 1 priority.

"My first obligation is to my young children, who will be raised the way that Nicole and I had always planned," he said in a statement read by his older son, Jason.

Asked what the Browns will do now, family lawyer Gloria Allred replied: "We'll have to see what Mr. Simpson decides to do. The Browns will always act in the best interest of the children."

## Experts: Acquittal due to distrust

LOS ANGELES (AP) - From the tidal wave of analysis that followed O.J. Simpson's acquittal, four theories emerged: Jurors were mad at the police, underwhelmed by the prosecution, swayed by race or simply tired of being confined.

"I think that the (Los Angeles Police Department) is now reaping the bitter harvest of the failure to reform themselves. That jury sent out a message loud and clear: 'We don't trust the prosecution,' criminal defense attorney Barry Tardow said after the verdict."

"They came to a quick conclusion that they couldn't trust anything," agreed Harland Braun, who represented a police officer in the Rodney King beating case, another famous California case that focused attention on racism among police.

Robert Pugsley, professor of criminal law at Southwestern University said he was still in shock from the swiftness of the decision, reached in less than four hours.

"I have serious reason to doubt they deliberated in any meaningful sense of that word. They obviously had their minds made up before they got into that jury room," he said.

Pugsley said prosecutors had "the liability of a racist, lying cop." "The defense team, on the other hand, took advantage of every opportunity. Johnnie Cochran not only played the race card, but the entire 32-card deck. I would be interested in knowing what, if any, role that played."

"A white jury would have convicted him, but who's to say that whites are right in trusting the LA police?" Braun said.

Some experts said it was clear jurors were unimpressed by the prosecution's case.

"I think that the prosecution ultimately lost this case because they couldn't deal with the fact that jurors thought evidence was contaminated or planted," said Myra Raeder, also a professor at Southwestern. "If you couldn't trust some of it, you couldn't trust all of it," she said.

## Internet abuzz with Simpson

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Reaction to the O.J. Simpson acquittal was fast and furious in cyberspace, with thousands going on line to weigh in on the end of the trial of the century.

"Sweet dreams, O.J.," wrote a user from a New York City-based computer network after Simpson was acquitted in the slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

"How long till the ghosts start knocking at your door? Tonight!" he wrote.

"The blood of Nicole and Ron is on his hands forever," typed a man from Washington, D.C.

"LONG LIVE JUSTICE," a Texan shouted back.

"Guilty as heck!! This is crazy!! I'm moving to England!" said one.

The CNN-O.J. home page on the World Wide Web got so clogged that latecomers couldn't log in even 10 minutes before the verdict was delivered. Twenty minutes after Simpson became a free man, the line still reported an overload.

CompuServe, a commercial online service based in Columbus, Ohio, said it expected four times their normal user load because of the trial.

But the most hard-core addicts were the denizens of the Internet's alt.fan.oj-simpson newsgroup, who have spent the last year discussing in agonizing detail every new twist in the trial.

"After following this newsgroup since its creation, I am at most sad to say goodbye to some of the most sensitive writings I have ever read," said a man from Hong Kong. "Our blood has been stirred...I hope we have all learned something about ourselves."

## THE THIRD WAY THE WAY TO NATIONAL CONSENSUS

The Oslo 2 Accord is dividing Israel into two nations: Israel 1 and Israel 2. The two major parties are being held captive by extremists, making it impossible to reach an agreement acceptable to the majority of Israel's citizens. Between the Right's "Not One Inch" policy and the Left's "Return to the 67 Borders," there is a *third way*. There must be. A *third way* to security and peace with the Arab nations and peace among Israel's different factions. The *Third Way* movement calls on the government and the opposition once again to adopt its program for territorial compromise and national consensus.

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## MINISTRY OF FINANCE Accountant General

### Tender for Insurance for Private Cars of Civil Servants, 1996

Bids are invited from insurance companies to provide insurance for private cars of civil servants for the year 1996, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Offers will be made and insurance provided by an insurer authorized to work in Israel in the relevant field.
- 2) The insurance coverage will include car insurance (compulsory) and all risk insurance, including property damage and third person insurance and additional coverage.
- 3) The insurance is for the period from January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996, inclusive.
- 4) The Accountant General reserves the right to conduct negotiations with the bidders whose offers are considered the most suitable.
- 5) Participation in the tender is subject to the conditions in *Takana 8a* of the Compulsory Tender Regulations - 1993.
- 6) The Accountant General does not undertake to accept the lowest or any bid, and reserves the right to accept part of an offer or a number of offers.
- 7) Bid forms and further details are available from October 5, 1995, from Mr. H. Fundamirsky, Senior Deputy to the Accountant General, Ministry of Finance, 1 Rehov Kaplan, Jerusalem.
- 8) Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited in the tenders box in the Archives, The Accountant General's Office (Room 523), Ministry of Finance, 1 Rehov Kaplan, Jerusalem, not later than November 1, 1995, at 12 noon.

## World Zionist Organization Jewish Agency for Israel

### The offices of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency will be closed

throughout the country on Hol Hamoed Succot from Monday, October 9 through Monday, October 16, inclusive.

Information and service centers for new immigrants will operate during Hol Hamoed Succot, excluding holiday eves, as follows:

Tel Aviv, 37 King George	03-6293266	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Ashdod, 1 Shavei Zion	08-595873	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Beit Yam, 63 Katznelson		
(from Josephthal)	03-6696974	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Haifa, 131 Harnagim	04-510401	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
	04-510361	Closed Friday
Kiryat Yam, Pinhas Sapir	04-757485	8 a.m.-12 noon
	04-771657/8	
Beersheba, 1 Henfetta Szold	07-295606	7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
	07-295697	Closed Friday
Jerusalem, 3 Ben Shetah	02-246522	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
	02-231823	Fri. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Jewish Agency warehouse for releasing cargo in Tzrifin will be closed from Monday, October 9, 1995, through Monday, October 16, inclusive.

Hag Sameah!

مكتبة الامم

# A commuter's crazy life 30,000 feet above Tel Aviv

HILLEL KUTTLER

CALL them the Miles-High Club. Commuters' Anonymous. Or the Israel-Diaspora Tag Team.

By any name, they're on the road — or, in the air — a lot.

They are Israelis who spend such a huge amount of time abroad on business that they are not so much frequent travelers, as people living in two places at once.

People like Ronnie Sopher, who spends one month in Israel followed by two in his hometown of Bombay, where he runs a bottled gas business. His wife and two daughters remain in Herzliya.

"There are a small band of — how shall I say? — idiots, actually — who do it. It's not a normal lifestyle. You spend a great deal of your time 37,000 feet up in the air," says Harvey Summerfield, 53, of Ra'anana, who commutes to London one week out of three to tend to his accounting practice and care for his elderly parents.

"One has to have a degree of insanity to live this sort of life. There's nothing exotic about it."

It used to be worse: When he immigrated to Israel two years ago, he returned to England every Sunday through Thursday. Summerfield and others concede that their schedule adversely affects their family's personal life.

"Ask your wife what it's like to be away every two weeks for two weeks. You manage. You have to. The family has to pull together," says Morris Weinberg of Centerville, Massachusetts. From 1978 to 1983, Weinberg commuted between his home in Haifa and the US as founder of

Fibronics International, a developer of fiber-optic communications.

"Anybody who tells you it's an exciting way to live, that it's like being remarried every few months — it's baloney," said business consultant Sherwin Pomerantz, who for five years until 1991 lived in Jerusalem while his wife continued working as a school teacher in New York. "It's a loss-lose situation."

Elon Ganor, the president and CEO of Vocaltec, estimates he travels 70 percent of the year. He agrees that the demands are severe on his wife and three children, but says they have all made the best of a difficult situation.

"I think the key thing is caring, whether you're close or far away," says Ganor, whose company produces software that allows users to conduct phone conversations on the Internet without running up long-distance phone bills. What is important, he says, is "letting them know what you do and telling them, in detail, about the business deals coming up, letting them understand the challenges and disappointments, so they participate."

Before he began traveling so extensively five years ago, Ganor's family was "more dependent on each other." Now his wife is developing her own career, so the two parents share more of one another's professional lives.

Ganor and others who run hi-tech companies say they must be abroad constantly to keep their finger on the pulse of their customer base and to continuously explore the world beyond Israel's limited market.

In Weinberg's case, the research and manufacturing were done in Haifa, but he cast his eyes beyond the Mediterranean.

"I was reaching out to set up subsidiary operations in France, Germany, etc., because the market in Israel is finite, but not outrageous... I was about the only one capable of handling traveling around. I was probably spending 50 percent of my time outside Israel. That was the lifestyle I led for the first three, four years of the company's existence."

Weinberg now lives in the US and returns to Israel several times

a year — "not quite as brutal a pace as I used to [keep]."

He believes that emerging technologies require a marketing and distribution manager abroad if the businesses are to avoid being eclipsed by the "very short" life cycles of new products.

"You've got to somehow, some way, bite the bullet and have a presence in the international market and have someone close to the market to monitor it," he says.

ACCORDING TO THE Finance Ministry, there is no way to know

how many business commuters there are. But international taxation division head Yehoshua Sherman asserts that whatever their number, those living about half the year abroad derive no income-tax benefit.

"The number of days you're in Israel in a given tax year does not determine whether you're a resident for income-tax purposes," he said.

Marius Nacht, 33, of Tel Aviv, founder and director of the two-year-old Checkpoint Software Technologies Ltd., is in the US three weeks of every month.

A typical stay includes one week at an auxiliary office he's established in Lexington, Massachusetts, then a week on the West Coast, and another in the Midwest or elsewhere. The company produces a system called Check-Point Firewall-1 that secures a company's communications with Internet. Each package sells for \$18,900.

Why does he put himself through that pace?

"It's my company, so I'm very excited by what I'm doing," Nacht says over dinner during a

recent visit to Washington. "When you start a new company, no one else will do the job as well as you do... What I'm doing now is something I always dreamed of doing: Have an ingenious idea and build it up into a successful company."

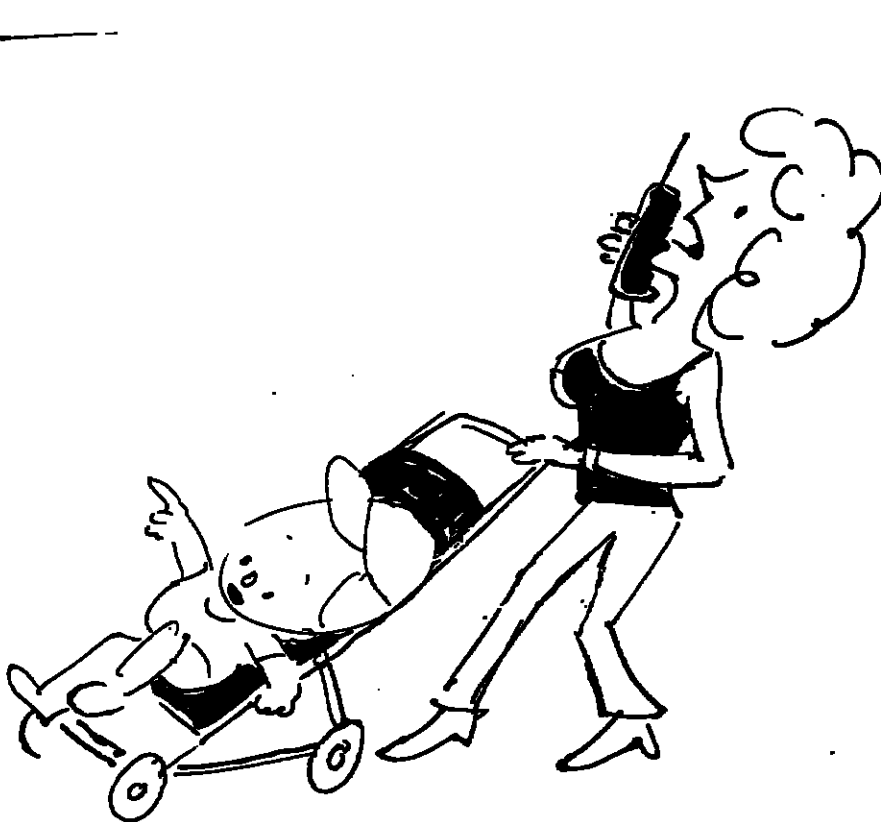
When he first started the company, Nacht returned to Israel for just one week every two months. He still refuses to rent an apartment in the US, preferring to camp out in a series of hotels.

"If I had an apartment, it would mean I'd have to take care of it and I can't be bothered with it. That's the practical side. The mental side of things is my home is Israel and I don't want to have two homes."

To preserve his Israeli equilibrium, Nacht's stay at home always covers two weekends so he can catch up with friends and maintain the semblance of a social life.

No matter what the rewards are abroad, the frequent traveler, by his frequent absence, seem to lose.

"The commuter, when he is away from Israel, is unaware that life continues in Israel," says Summerfield, who has one child in Israel and two in England. "Their lives have been carried on in Israel and [the parent can't] expect the family in Israel to stop everything for his benefit... There are things to do — chores, seeing friends. Why should they have to stop everything and see their father? It's a very deep psychological problem because what the commuter is actually doing is he's being transposed from one situation to another, from one time capsule to another. He has to fit back into that time capsule."



## The French Connection look arrives

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CREATIVELY chic, The French Connection, the London-based international clothing concern with stores and showrooms in the UK, the US, France, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Belgium, Denmark and Saudi Arabia is now also available in Israel at the Shekhar Gallery in Tel Aviv's Ibn Gvirol Street.

Made up of mix-and-match coordinates to suit a variety of different lifestyles and occasions, The French Connection's fall/winter collection, like so many others this season, was created in a colorful but reflective mood.

There's a lot of Fifties, Sixties and Seventies retrospection punctuated by the verve of the Nineties.

Layering, folklore knits, ornately beaded cardigans, oversized shirts and abbreviated sweaters worn mainly with micro-mini skirts are among the choices for her; and vibrantly hued shirts with cuffs folded macho style over jacket sleeves characterize some of the stylish choices for him.

In the more sporty lines, his pants are a little sloppy and his sweaters and jackets hang loose.

Her silhouette, whether garbed for business or pleasure, symbolizes a return to the hourglass figure. Her waist is often slashed by a thin patent leather belt.

It's definitely revival time for patent leather, which is showing up strongly in belts, shoes and bags.

The accents are generally on



The French Connection fall/winter collection includes mix-and-match coordinates to suit a variety of occasions. (Sivan Farag)

youth, but there are several ageless pieces that anyone could wear without feeling self-conscious.

The dominant color for both him and her is red, with charcoal grey, black and earthy browns

following in quick succession. Shirts are generally around NIS 199, pants NIS 269 and over-knits NIS 399, skirts NIS 289, wool dresses NIS 379, while jackets and three-quarter coats hover between NIS 329 and NIS 699.

## Class warfare lurks in America's future

Widening social gap between rich, poor reaching dangerous levels in US

THE gap between rich and poor in America is reaching dangerous levels. The signs of incipient "Brazilianization" have been visible for some time, but in the past few months there have been a series of warnings from left and right that the social fabric of the US is coming apart.

The average chief executive of a major corporation now earns 157 times as much as an American factory worker. Salaries of \$3 million are typical. It was never like that before. As recently as 1960 these executives earned "only" 41 times as much as their workers, more in line with levels in Britain today.

Somehow, the top managerial class has managed to increase its income dramatically at a time when the blue-collar rump of the American people has seen a stagnation in wages. Since 1973, US factory workers have actually suffered a fall in real income (adjusted for inflation).

In any other industrial country there would be a populist rebellion by now, says Michael Lind in *The Next American Nation*. His book is one of a cluster this year attacking the deformed culture of America's "overclass." He argues that the new oligarchy is keeping the lid on things with a "Southern Bourbon" strategy — a technique mastered by the elites of the Old South to keep blacks and poor whites at each other's throats.

The policy is now known as "multiculturalism" and, amazingly, is being promoted by people who consider themselves "liberals."

The racial-spoils system is an immense fraud, argues Lind, perpetrated by the white power structure to co-opt — and emasculate — black and Hispanic leaders, and to channel white anger into resentment against minorities. There was no conspiracy to do this, of course. It simply evolved.

"The new American mosaic is an avant-garde sculpture in the lobby of a bank," writes Lind, caustically. "Class consciousness, weak enough in the United States to begin with, has been almost obliterated by the multiplication of particularistic communal mystifications subsidized by the very government and white overclass that they purportedly threaten."

Lind is a Texas conservative by background. He has worked for both William F. Buckley and Irving Kristol, two leading gurus

of the Reagan revolution. His defection is undoubtedly a harbinger of things to come.

He is brutal in his dissection of the overclass, a professional-managerial elite that is not to be confused with jet-set billionaires or the old East Coast establishment.

Nomadic, cut off from regional roots, it is composed of lawyers, bankers, doctors, publishers, and corporate executives, who live discreetly in almost identical suburbs in Boston, Dallas, Denver or Atlanta. This is the "credentialed upper-middle class." It sets the tone and dictates the social rules for the oligarchy. Even the old aristocracy conforms.

Robert Reich, US Secretary of Labor, calls these people "symbolic analysts." The social commentator, Charles Murray, calls them the "cognitive elite." Ordinary Americans just call them yuppies.

They command big salaries, and marry co-professionals of equal status. In recent years, they have pulled away from the rest of working America, giving an unprecedented hourglass shape to the country's class structure, with one-fifth on top and four-fifths below. Arguably, their success is the result of free-market forces that reward brains over brawn. But Lind contends that the system is rigged to entrench what is becoming a hereditary caste.

The passport into the overclass is "an expensive degree from a good university, often coupled with a professional license."

These credentials are very expensive. A four-year stint at an Ivy League university costs about \$100,000. It is also rationed. Harvard reserves about 20 percent of its places for the children of alumni. (Another block is reserved for blacks, Hispanics, Aleutian islanders, etc.) Yale does much the same thing. This so-called "legacy preference" is the dirty little secret of the overclass.

Then there is the hurdle of professional accreditation. The American Bar Association uses its influence to ensure that students have to go through another three years of graduate school before they can practice law. The MBA degree plays the same role in corporate life. These dauntingly expensive licences are the admission fee for the managerial-professional elite.

Only those who pay up front in time and money will enjoy the lifelong benefits of mem-

bership. It is possible to prosper without credentials: Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, never got a degree and is now the richest man in the world. But Bill Gates is the exception.

As if this is not enough, Lind says the overclass has used its political power to shift the tax burden on to ordinary Americans. In the 1980s income taxes were cut sharply on overclass salaries, while the hated Social Security payroll tax was ratcheted up on everybody else.

At the same time, elite policy institutes have been upholding the twin orthodoxies of free trade and open immigration, both of which hold down wages for unskilled and semi-skilled workers. Black Americans suffer most. Overclass whites do not suffer at all. They benefit, especially from the abundance of cheap Latin American nannies.

And all the while the yuppie mandarins are withdrawing further into their own desiccated ghettos. They have little or no contact with Joe Sixpack at any stage of their lives. Unlike the British ruling class in its heyday, they do not serve in the military and they have no way of identifying with the cause of country and empire. Instead they push paper, largely to each other, and look down their noses at the patriotism of the working class.

Lind believes that the Republican reforms of Newt Gingrich will make matters worse. "The replacement of the American Republic with a decentralized and privatized society would create something like a high-tech Holy Roman Empire on American soil," he writes, calling it the new feudalism. "The result would be a wasteland of crime-ravaged slums between the fortified private neighborhoods of the white overclass, compounds connected, no doubt, by private toll roads."

Like a growing number of talented young thinkers in America, Lind warns that "laissez-faire globalism" will eventually ruin the country. He says that it is time to abandon free trade and start thinking in terms of a robust new nationalism. Whether his prescriptions are right or wrong, one thing is certain: the ruling class of the United States is in very bad odor with the rest of the nation. If it gets much worse people really will start hanging yuppies from the lampposts. (The Sunday Telegraph)

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## The Simpson show

WHEN the 18th century British jurist Sir William Blackstone said that trial by jury was the glory of the English law, he obviously could not foresee the O.J. Simpson extravaganza in a race-riven Los Angeles. Nor could those who first conceived trial by one's peers imagine the difficulty untrained jurors would have with complicated technological evidence or with the tremendous emotional stress of being sequestered.

If there is one source of comfort in the eight-month long trial for today's believers in Blackstone's statement it is that even in the US of the 1990s, in which news and entertainment have become indistinguishable, the Simpson show was an aberration, not the rule.

A double murder in Los Angeles, even when committed by a celebrity, would not merit comment in Israel or anywhere else had it not become an international media event of the first magnitude. As such, it exposed the justice system in the world's only superpower and greatest democracy to hundreds of millions of viewers and readers throughout the world. A blot on this system can hardly encourage those who look up to the US as a model. It must be cause for concern that many viewers (a majority, according to the polls) agree with the statement by the father of one of the victims, who said "justice was not served here today."

Clearly, under normal circumstances, the weight of the scientific evidence, the bizarre behavior of the accused after the murder, his suicide note and attempt to escape, and the fact that despite the defense's infinite financial resources not a scintilla of evidence has been found to point in the direction of a different culprit - all these would have made it an open and shut case. For viewers of the trial, most of whom have never witnessed American justice in action, to conclude that the defendant's financial resources made the difference, and that American law is not equal for rich and poor, would not be unreasonable. Such an impression does not further the cause of democracy.

But, to paraphrase Winston Churchill, the jury system may be the worst known to man, except for any other. No system can be perfect, and there is no doubt that being defended by the best legal brains money can buy is helpful. But nor should the special circumstances surrounding the Simpson case be ignored. Los Angeles is a city torn not only by racial hatreds but by the black population's not-unjustified distrust of the police department. The Rodney King case

three years ago, in which white policemen were exonerated by an all-white jury even though a video tape showed them savagely beating King, caused a riot in which scores were killed. Tensions have remained, even though the city has had a black mayor and police commissioner.

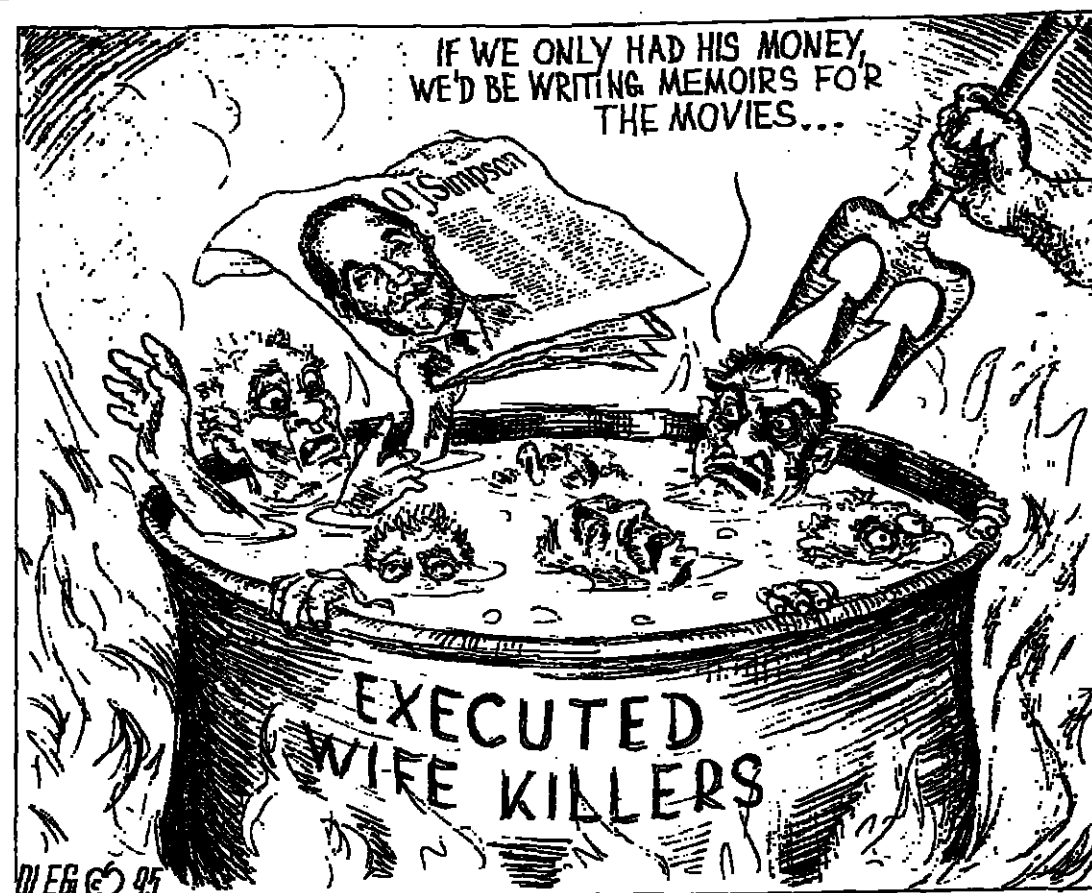
That one of the police detectives who testified for the prosecution was exposed as a flagrant racist enabled the defense to turn the case into a trial of the police department rather than of Simpson. The defense team's use of the racial argument was as offensive as it was smart. It irritated most observers, including President Bill Clinton, but it hit just the right note with the jurors. With nine blacks and one Hispanic on the jury of twelve, the result was predictable. In fact, the racial considerations were so predominant that many commentators expected the jury to be split along racial lines, resulting in a hung jury.

Those who believe that the case was a travesty of justice must realize that it was not more so than the hundreds of cases in which all-white juries in past years habitually condemned blacks to death on flimsy evidence. That juries are not infallible was made clear to Israelis most dramatically when a New York state jury acquitted Sayid Nosair, Rabbi Meir Kahane's assassin, in 1991. At that time the jury was not influenced by a brilliant defense team but by ideological considerations.

Fortunately, justice was finally done in that case. Nosair, convicted then only on weapons charges, was convicted with six others last week of plotting to blow up the World Trade Center and the UN. Simpson, too, still faces legal problems in the form of civil suits by the families of his former wife and her friend. And although he can never be jailed on these charges, he may not only have to pay millions in compensation if found guilty; he may carry the mark of a killer for the rest of his life.

The American justice system has survived many shocks, and it will undoubtedly survive this one. The danger is that the backlash from this trial will exacerbate racial problems in the US. The LA police department, which has already done much to alleviate tensions, will undoubtedly try to cleanse itself of blatant racism, and the city's black leaders will probably make efforts to put out racial flames. But many will view Simpson's raking in the \$60 million he is expected to make as a result of this trial not as the underside of capitalism but as a confirmation of their prejudices.

## OPINION



## A man who mocks truth

ON his way home from Washington early this week, Prime Minister Rabin told journalists: "I want to tell the world that the PLO has ceased all acts of terrorism. They simply don't do it any more."

As a result of information received from our intelligence sources, security and military services, we feel compelled to ask: "Just who is the liar?"

Here are the harsh facts: In essence, Arafat has an unwritten agreement with Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the PFLP, saying, "You can equip and arm yourselves without interference. But refrain from action until I gain a strong foothold in Judea and Samaria."

Day in, day out, Arafat preaches jihad in his TV broadcasts to the Palestinians. And his Fatah Hawks are feverishly gearing themselves up to ensure that they are ready for jihad.

Rabin knows this. He has been told so repeatedly by his own generals and security services.

These sources inform us that "Arafat is turning a blind eye to random firing at Jewish targets from Gaza and Jericho, and in Judea-Samaria. In the Beit El area, stone-throwing incidents have increased significantly in recent weeks. There have been dozens of attacks daily. As a deliberate policy, to give the pretense that nothing is happening, none of these incidents is recorded."

Officially, Arafat has 13,000 armed police in Gaza and Jericho. Shortly he will have 12,000 more security men in Judea and Samaria. His police/security services will soon be increased to a force of 25,000 men. Facing Israel will be 50,000 armed Arafat men, plus thousands of Hamas and other terrorist gunmen.

All this is going on right under the benign Israeli government's noses. The defense establishment's "concept" dictates mocking this ragtag army, dismissing it as powerless against the might of the IDF. But, say military sources, "Once this militia is established, the vastly increased forces... will be operating from dozens of havens in addition to Jericho and Gaza," stinging the Israeli elephant like swarms of killer bees.

The heavy loss of Israeli life since Oslo 1 "will seem like a drop compared to the devastation such a large body of heavily armed terrorists will unleash once it is given the green light for Arafat's jihad."

"They will squeeze Israel not only from Jericho and Gaza, but also from the long Judea-Samaria borders. They will act not only against settlers, but against the heart of the country." Rabin, we were told, has been warned about this.

Arafat has still not repudiated the PLO Covenant, 28 of whose 33 clauses explicitly call for the destruction of the Jewish state.

Nor has he ever ceased broadcasting his grand design to wipe out the State of Israel.

It is becoming increasingly clear that Rabin has been hypnotized by a fatally flawed concept, a belief that Arafat has become a saint in a keffiyeh; that he wants to embrace Israelis as blood brothers for all eternity.

IT IS the second time in his life that Rabin has been blinded by grotesque self-delusion. He played an integral part in reinforcing the Labor government's notorious concept in 1973 that the Arabs would not go to war against Israel. In July of that year, he wrote scornfully in *Ma'ariv*: "Israel no longer needs to call up its reserves every time the Arabs threaten."

The consequences of that catastrophic blunder, which resulted in thousands of soldiers killed and wounded, left Israel tottering on the brink of military disaster. Then, as now, the military and security services told Labor leaders that they knew what was best for the country.

URI DAN  
DENNIS EISENBERG

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As Rabin calls those who oppose him "liars," has he forgotten that once before he was so blinded by self-delusion? His latest con-

The prime minister should consider his own utterances before calling other people liars

cept, too, threatens the pillars of the State of Israel.

Why don't his advisers in military and security circles speak out? These are men who have spent their lives as career officers. Rabin cannot control his tongue, and they clearly fear for their futures if they openly challenge their ill-tempered chief. They simply don't dare to speak up.

Ask the Jordan Valley settlers, staunch Labor supporters to a man, how they feel about their prime minister's veracity. They were promised by Rabin before his departure for Washington that only "tiny" concessions were to be made to Arafat in their neck of the woods. Rabin clearly didn't want them to spoil his White House dance of triumph.

Shown no maps, they took the prime minister's word on faith. Now they realize they were betrayed. Nothing could be less "tiny" than handing Arafat control of the Jiftliq area, which effectively slices the Jordan valley into two entities. And all this just a week

after being assured that the security border would be all along the Jordan Valley.

In bitter clashes with security forces and police, the Valley settlers openly shout: "Rabin has betrayed us, lied to us." In this, they are echoing the voices of Golan settlers, Labor supporters too, who uttered the same words of condemnation when they held their massive hunger strike last year at Golan.

How often did Israelis read or hear of OC Central Command Dan Biran warning about the serious implications to the country's defense of Rabin's plan to hand over so much control to Arafat? This was when Biran brought along his maps depicting how 13 percent of Judea and Samaria was to be placed under PLO authority.

Yet only a week later, after all the concessions made to Arafat, the new map showed that the 13 percent had grown to 30 percent. During this one week, the army received neither the time nor the order to evaluate the military effects of having this vast increase of territory conceded to a force of over 50,000 heavily armed men.

Israelis should have been warned by the compliment delivered to Biran by Shimon Peres, who declared proudly: "Major-General Biran entered the talks a general. He came out a diplomat." There can be no greater insult to a professional soldier.

In truth, as the deal was hammered out to appease Arafat in Taba, the military and security services surrendered to the political echelon. They knew the dangers to the country, but not a voice was raised in protest.

The painful conclusion: Rabin has succeeded in sterilizing the high command of the IDF and security forces.

The writers are authors of *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East*.

## Alive and well

RICHARD HARWOOD

I've been a member of the doom and gloom crowd that worries a lot about the future of the "mass media" and of newspapers in particular. But even the most dedicated pessimist must admit to some upbeat news about the communications industry this summer.

The mergers of Disney and ABC, Westinghouse and CBS, Time Warner and Turner Broadcasting may drive some home-grown populists up the wall. But they demonstrate how robust the industry has become, and how attractive the future appears. The downside is the "bigness" these mergers represent, and the apprehensions and paranoias "bigness" inspires in both the public and private sectors.

Do Mickey Mouse, Peter Jennings and the disparate values they imperfectly symbolize coexist comfortably within a single institution? Should charter members of the "military-industrial complex," represented by General Electric at NBC and now Westinghouse at CBS, control two of four national TV networks? Can *Time* magazine, now a middling outpost in the immense entertainment empire contemplated in the Time Warner merger with Turner, properly fulfill its chosen role as a major critic of popular culture and as one of its major publicists?

WE ALREADY have seen the virtual disappearance of the locally owned newspaper, bought up in almost every city in the land by one of the handful of chains that now dominate the newspaper business, and the consolidation process continues. But it does reflect the confidence of investors in the future of newspapers and other communications enterprises.

Paul Ficht of *The Washington Post* noted a few weeks ago that "Since the mid-1970s a funny thing has happened to network TV audiences: They've been shrinking. A similar thing has been happening for decades in the newspaper business."

The traditional media are confounding the Jeremiahs

ness, as the percentage of American households subscribing to a daily paper declines. Yet over this same period an even funnier thing has happened: Revenue for most newspapers and TV stations has been climbing to record levels. For all the glamor of the new high-tech communication tools, traditional low-tech media such as TV stations and newspapers remain the most valuable."

This view is reinforced by the recent slump of newspaper stock prices, and in a major analysis published by Veronis, Suhler and Associates, a New York investment house specializing in communications companies.

Jeremiahs predicted that TV would kill off radio and movie distributors and the general-interest magazines that provided outlets for generations of short story writers.

But the radio and movie industries are flourishing, and TV has created an enormous demand for creative writers: "Short-form fiction, the purview of consumer magazines prior to World War II, has become the basic format of TV programs." There are now nightly "magazines" after the network news.

"The electronic media," Veronis, Suhler reports, "also compete head to head with the print media. From *Gone With the Wind* to *Roots* to *Jurassic Park*, books have been a major source of material for feature films and TV mini-series, and more people have 'seen' these books than have read them."

"Nevertheless, the book industry did not die. In fact, despite substantial increases in time spent watching TV, listening to music, watching videos or playing video games, the time spent reading books by the average adult has increased by more than 50 per cent since 1970. Circulation of newspapers has held steady, while circulation for consumer magazines has increased substantially."

The lesson of history, the report goes on, is that "the communications industry appears to defy the theory of industry life cycle. Mature segments retain healthy margins; traditional media prosper despite the emergence of new media; and segments characterized by high risk are remarkably steady."

(Washington Post)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SUICIDE BOMBERS

Sir, - In the 1980s, military intelligence organized numerous suicide bombing attacks in Lebanon. Despite the well-documented evidence of Syrian culpability, journalists have a short memory and fostered a myth of the Islamic suicide bomber. David Makovsky writes on August 22 that "Palestinian Islamists are now willing to commit suicide... Previously, on Hizbullah members were willing to do this." Alon Pinkas contributes to this myth on September 1 by writing that "Hamas drew on the Hizbullah experience in Lebanon... Suicide bombers were the rule..."

In contrast to this myth, a typical suicide bombing in Lebanon was reported on July 10, 1985, and July 16, 1985, in *The New York Times*. Two students in a videotape interview, one a Druze woman and the other a Syrian-born man, declared their suicide act was committed in the name of the National Syrian Social Party.

An article written by Thomas L. Friedman, published in *The New York Times* on February 16, 1986, assessed the suicide bombing campaign in Lebanon. Suicide terrorism was described as "the product of national intelligence groups exploiting the psychological weakness or religious fervor of a small group of people..."

And quoting Ariel Merari, "Most of the people [suicide bombers] we have encountered in South Lebanon worship Syria's President Assad..."

Recent suicide bombings in Israel are also connected to Syria. Islamic Jihad and Hamas have their headquarters in Damascus and take responsibility for bombings on Damascus radio. Indeed, the General Security Service asserted, after finding the Hamas suicide bomb cell responsible for bombings in Ramat Gan and Jerusalem, that their trainer, Yihye Ayyash, "the engineer," was controlled from Syria.

The Labor government and many of our generals are making decisions based on the myth. They justify capitulations to secular dictators as necessary for resisting a greater threat from Islamic fundamentalism. Thus, Israel is weakened and our people divided in order to meet the demands of Arafat and Assad.

But this disastrous policy threatens the future of Israel. Secular despots are as much a danger as Islamic fanatics. We must return to a policy of deterrence and elect a new government that will unite us in a strong independent state.

ALBERT I. GOLDBERG  
Haifa

### CALL FOR CONSENSUS

Sir, - While yesterday's terrorists and murderers are welcomed by their people as heroes, given high-level positions in the Palestinian Administration and able to travel and roam the country freely, our past heroes, the so-called "settlers" (for we are not all settlers from Haifa to Eilat) are condemned as parasites, their land confiscated and they travel and live in fear of an unknown future. They are shunned by a government that needs them no more, and branded as obstacles to peace in the chessboard of the so-called Middle East peace plan, and all this for what? For the pleasure of giving away our small backyards to people who in spite of our generosity, good-will and the risks we take, continue to promise us our demise through the continued use of terrorism, and the ultimate jihad in the future to reunite their brothers in Jaffa, Haifa and Galilee with them.

Has all reason and common sense left us when our past heroes are left

### WS CHILDREN

Sir, - The excellent article by Judy Siegel-Itzkovich on Williams Syndrome (WS), "Pixies with a problem" (September 12), could have also been titled "Pixies with a gift." The clue is the statement by Gilat Blecher that her 10½-year-old daughter, Rahel, "like most WS children has almost perfect pitch and would thus benefit from a music education."

We, the parents of WS syndrome children in the USA, could not agree more. Last summer we initiated a week-long music and arts camp at Belvoir Terrace in western Massachusetts, adjacent to Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and employed the finest instructors for 40 WS children.

Amazing talents were shown by the students. In general, they excelled in their pitch, rhythm, retention of lyrics and melodies, and motivation. They can play and listen to music all day.

As a proud parent, at the camp I watched and heard my WS daughter Gloria (Tova), after less than a week of practice, sing flawlessly the soprano part of Schubert's mini-cantata *Shepherd on the Rock*. She sings in 23 different languages and has a wide repertoire of Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino music. Tova, who attended special school in Rehovot and in Haifa (Beit Sefer Oom) while I was on sabbatical in Israel, returned two years ago under the sponsorship of the Israel Sports Center for the Disabled (Ilan) and gave 13 Hanukka concerts in five days, accompanying herself on the piano accordion, to 1,000 handicapped children and adults throughout the WS.

The WS children need an education with music. Without it they will never show the talents that we witnessed at the WS music and art camp. Like most WS children, they are either too ill or are having school problems during their childhood years. Usually the music abilities start to show at around ages 10-12, and, with lessons and practice, grow at a rapid rate thereafter.

For your information, I found the article while accessing for the first time *The Jerusalem Post* on the World Wide Web.

HOWARD M. LENHOFF,  
Executive Vice President, WSF,  
Cosa Mesa, California.

## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Jack Mallory's claim to World War II heroism took place inside the Japanese war minister's mouth. Mallory, of Chico, California, served as a Navy dentist, and was called upon to do some dental work on Hideki Tojo following the war. Mallory says he used Morse Code when he etched the words "Remember Pearl Harbor" in Tojo's dentures.

(AP)

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## To God with love by fax

ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

THOSE who know Dr. Joyce Starr would expect any book she produces to be a serious political tome.

Starr is known as a dignified former White House staffer, the former director of her department at a respected Washington, D.C. think tank, and a persistent organizer of meetings and conferences about the Middle East's water problems.

Her book *Faxes to God* is far from the cut-and-dried world of politics and international diplomacy. It is a collection of the wishes, dreams and hopes that people from across the world sent through the unique service that the Bezeq telephone company provides.

Through Bezeq, the Western Wall is accessible to anyone with a fax machine. All one needs to do is send a fax, and the message will be delivered directly to the wall, where it will be placed in the cracks between its stones.

Starr's first contact with Israel was in 1972, as a volunteer on Kibbutz Sde Boker. Her positions in the Carter and Reagan administrations have brought her back to the Middle East countless times since. In recent years, spending summers in Israel researching her books and articles has become a matter of routine for her. They have also become turning points in her life, and sources of inspiration.

First, her visits to Israel produced the observations that resulted in her book *Kissing Through Glass: The Invisible Shield between Americans and Israelis*. Then, during a stay in 1992, she noticed a newspaper article announcing the new Bezeq service to the Wall.

Her mother called her shortly afterwards, after she too read of the service. She told her daughter that she should "do something about it." Starr thought of collecting the faxes in a book.

Later that same day, she had lunch with an Israeli friend who had connections to Bezeq's management. He told her that if she wrote a letter about her idea, he would deliver it to the president.

As she negotiated with Bezeq, there was one main obstacle.

"The fax line was supposed to be privileged," Starr says. "The faxes go straight from the machine into the Wall. After all, we are talking about people's most personal thoughts and reflections."

Starr convinced Bezeq to set up a temporary second line for six months for people who had no objection to their faxes being published. It would be Starr's responsibility to publicize the second line.

"On the same day that Arafat was shaking hands with Rabin, I was shaking hands with the president of Bezeq," she says proudly.

Publicizing the line wasn't a problem. Starr used what she called "spiritual cyberspace" to her benefit, publicizing the fax line on the Internet, and even offering an E-mail address that people could send their message to, have it printed out, and then faxed to the Wall.

This all occurred before Starr had acquired a book contract, though she had put out feelers in the publishing world. When HarperCollins' division Harper San Francisco offered her a contract, the publishers gave her three months to put the book together. That three months overlapped precisely with the three months during which she was supposed to put together *Covenant Over Middle Eastern Waters*, her serious tome on water problems in the Middle East, for publisher Henry Holt.

Writing two books at the same time was a lot of work, but Starr maintains that the two books ended up complementing one another. She said working on *Faxes to God* kept her spirits up and her mind on a higher purpose when she was worrying about the water problems of the Middle East and the vulnerability of aquifers.

"Much to my shock, I discovered that both books were twin spirits; and that my intensely political book turned into a more spiritual one."

In turn, her familiarity with the Bible's stance on water influences her political beliefs as well,



Dr. Starr: Spiritual exploration is more difficult than mastering Middle East problems. (S. Usaty)

and her view of territorial compromise.

Starr began her intense involvement with water issues in the mid-'80s. She organized projects, meetings and conferences on the subject - some of them secret, some of them public - soliciting funding from companies and foundations and international organizations.

Unfortunately, what was to be the pinnacle of her work on water - a major conference on Middle East water, hosted by Turkey and attended by all of the Arab states and Israel - was torpedoed. Starr contends the conference faltered largely because of lack of support

from the Bush administration.

After a career in Washington, grappling with problems affecting Israel from a distance, Starr is moving to Tel Aviv next year.

"These two books are my 'shalom' to the United States," she says.

But anyone who expects her to devote all of her time to heavy-duty negotiating once she gets here will be surprised. She seems to have had enough of hard-core politics and has a new, more creative interest: filmmaking. She says that the creativity of working on *Faxes to God* was a change of direction, but one that did her only good.

"I wanted to help communicate and be part of something that helped bring people higher in a spiritual way," she explains. "After living in the darkness of the political terrain, I knew that I was taking a risk. Some of the people I've been dealing with all my life would think I had lost my mind."

Contrary to what many would believe, Starr says that spiritual and creative exploration is more difficult than wrestling with diplomatic quandaries or mastering the fine points of Middle East water problems.

"It's much more challenging," she says. "It's much easier to talk about aquifers."

## Re my daughter: Please disregard previous note

SELECTIONS from *Faxes to God: Real-Life Prayers transmitted to the Heavens*.

Dear God,

With my wife gone many years now, I ask that I be allowed to take a wife soon. It is my fervent desire to share the joys and happiness of life.

Donald

Dear God,

Many years ago during a visit to Israel, I placed a note in the Waiting Wall asking that my daughter not marry before she gained the judgment to find the right man.

Decades have gone by, and my daughter is still single. So what I would like to ask is whether I could please take back my original request? I pray to see my daughter married this year.

Estelle

Dear God,

The overseas work assignment you helped me obtain means that I must either leave my beloved cat at home (which is out of the question) or take him with me. I understand that travel by plane can

be very dangerous for an animal. Would you please protect my Jessie from radiation, air pressure and insensitive airport personnel? Thank you in advance.

Judy

Dear God,

My grandpa has been gone since I was three. How is he doing?

Rebecca, age 8

Dear God,

I ask why the Holocaust happened and why did You not do anything about it?

Heidi, age 12

Dear God,

They say that money is the root of all evil. It sure would be nice to be just slightly evil.

Jack

God,

Just once, help me win the Florida Lotto.

Henry

## Stop a 'fatal attraction' by being honest

DEAR RUTHIE

RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, I am a married man. Some months ago, I had a short "fling" with a woman I met at a pub. From the outset, I made it clear to her that there was no commitment involved. This seemed to suit her just fine. But when I broke it off, she began to phone me at work. At home, on many occasions, when my wife answers the phone, there is silence at the other end.

I am worried that this could turn out to be some kind of "fatal attraction" thing, and do not know how to put a stop to it.

Woeiful Womanizer  
Somewhere in Israel

Dear WW,

Apparently, you still fear your wife more than your "fatal" fling. There is no way to get help from those around you - including the police, if necessary - without fessing up to your folly.

You must examine whether you are more worried about how your wife will react, or about having to promise her that it won't happen again.

Are you trying to keep your options open, perhaps? If not, either come clean, or wait and hope that this other woman will tire of harassing you and your family.

Dear Ruthie,

I am a divorced woman with twin boys who are just about to go into the army. I am afraid that I will not know what to do with myself without them around. I was never good at being alone. When my husband left me several years ago, I went through a very difficult period in my life.

I am not looking forward to going through another. Therapy helped me through the divorce, to the extent that it taught me all kinds of things about myself of which I had previously been unaware.

But it did not make me able to overcome my feelings of abandonment then, as I do not believe it would do so now.

I am looking for some kind of concrete steps I can take. What do you suggest?

Scared of Playing it Solo  
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Solo-Scared, Emotional hardship can either be used as an excuse or turned into an advantage. You must delve into your personal reservoir of resources to find the positive side to your new situation. You may never fully resolve your feelings of abandonment.

But you can alleviate them. Your sons will be visiting on weekends and holidays. View the time in between as an opportunity to explore options.

Prepare meals for yourself that your boys can't stand, for example, or walk around in your underwear.

If you try to view this period as one of newfound freedom, rather than a repeat of your husband's exit, at least you will have a fighting chance of turning it to your advantage.

Dear Ruthie,

My husband and I have been trying to have a baby since we got married five years ago. We have begun treatment for this, but do not wish to tell anybody about it.

The problem is that our parents keep putting pressure on us, by hinting about becoming grandparents all the time. It drives both of us crazy. We keep telling them to lay off, but it doesn't help.

Conception Conscious  
Somewhere in Israel

Dear CC,

It is the height of insensitivity to pry into the fertility problems of others. The reasons for your not having children are nobody's business, unless you choose to talk about them. The wisest tactic may be to discuss the treatment with your parents.

It would be a shame for you to bear any additional burden during an already difficult time. Parental inquisition is one headache you shouldn't be having to deal with.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

## Reduce your high voltage with a transformer, and breathe more easily

THERE are many ways to reduce tension. Did visions of a hot bath or a massage just flash across your mind? If so, think again. The kind of tension we're dealing with here is voltage. Without the ability to reduce high voltage, many of the appliances we take for granted would be dead upon first plug-in. This is why we depend so heavily on transformers.

North Americans here are used to thinking of transformers as the appliance attachments that convert 110V to 220V - the current in Israel. Today's column will deal only with those transformers that reduce the voltage in the wall to suit appliances which run on much lower voltage, and "rectify" alternate current (AC) to direct current (DC).

Examples of instruments which run on low voltage and direct current are: cordless phones, small vacuum cleaners (Dust Busters),

answering machines, hair-removal instruments (Epilady). These run on external electricity alone, with no battery option.

Other types (which run either on batteries or on external power) include: tape recorders, adding machines, small electronic games (Gameboy), and portable radio/tapes (Walkman).

Those which run on external power alone have a transformer built in to their plug resembling a cube (5cm x 4cm x 4cm). Battery-operated instruments with an electrical outlet option have a little hole-like socket (similar to the kind provided for earphone plugs - but a bit larger) which has DC-IN listed next to it. (Also specified is the polarity of the plug [which leads are "+" and which "-"] and usually the voltage [V].)

Possible reasons for purchasing a transformer are: Tired of changing batteries, wanting to

plug an instrument into the wall; the existing transformer/plug is broken or burned out; or an appliance purchased abroad requires a voltage-reducing transformer.

When purchasing a transformer (transformer) at an electrical supply or hardware store, make sure you know the correct voltage and plug polarity of your instrument or appliance. (If you are unsure, bring the instrument with you at time of purchase, and request help from the salesperson.) Then, make sure that the transformer has "IN - 220, OUT - (the voltage of your instrument)" written on it. It will also have the output in milli-Amperes (mA) listed on it. (Note: Most of these small appliances do not consume more than 300 mA. Some larger instruments, such as electronic games which hook up to the TV [e.g. Nintendo or Sega] consume a greater supply of current - even

### FIX IT YOURSELF

TAL KATZ

with the same voltage. These require transformers with a much greater output [higher mA] and are double the size of the small cube-like ones.) The most common kind sold today is a standardized transformer (transformer standard). This is a multi-plugged transformer which has selectors to alter both voltage and polarity. It can therefore be adjusted to suit all small appliances consuming up to 300 mA, whether 3V, 4.5V, 6V, 7.5V, 9V, or 12V - with plugs shaped to fit any DC-IN socket. It costs a mere NIS 12-15.

Transformers with greater output (more mA) than required for a certain instrument will serve well, but are unnecessary and waste electricity. Transformers

with insufficient output will burn out quickly, and the instrument they are attached to will not work properly (will be slow, erratic, etc.). Note: A burnt transformer will not damage the instrument it is serving.

Sometimes, a short circuit inside an appliance can cause the transformer to burn out. A short circuit behaves like a stronger consumer of electricity - making the mA of the transformer insufficient.

### Warnings:

If you attach a transformer to an instrument, and the instrument does not work at all, unplug immediately. This probably means that you have to reverse the polarity on the standard transformer. Take care not to insert transformer plugs into the wrong socket of an instrument (such as earphone socket, AUX, Tape Out), as this can cause immediate damage to the instrument.

Suggestion: If you go away for an extended trip, unplug all transformers from the wall. Even when their attached instruments are turned off, transformers consume electricity. This is why they

are always warm to the touch when plugged in.

If you have a question or can suggest simple solutions to annoying problems, write to: Fix It Yourself, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

## Private Patinkin's foxhole full of economists

FORMER Hebrew University president Prof. Don Patinkin, who died a month ago at 73, was not only an Israeli Prize laureate and a pioneer of economic research, but a frontline volunteer in the 1967 battle for Jerusalem.

When a Jerusalem Brigade infantry battalion commanded by Lt.-Col. Nehemia Oz was activated in May 1967, American-born Patinkin became, at 45, its oldest member.

In a highly unorthodox action, Hebrew University Prof. Haim Barkai, a platoon sergeant in Company D, commanded by poet-soldier Capt. Haim Guri, brought three volunteers to Col. Oz. The three, from Barkai's faculty of economics, were Prof. Don Patinkin and two lecturers. None had any military training but the gung-ho Oz agreed to enroll them in Company D.

Oz had just assigned me to train the entire battalion on the 30 caliber Browning. Now, he and Guri asked me to train the volunteer trio.

They quickly learned how to use an Uzi, a bolt-action rifle and a Browning, but as we were camped just outside the Givat Ram campus of the university, there was no place they could

actually fire them.

Patinkin was as proud as Punch to be in uniform, albeit as a private. A handsome, well-built man, he looked good in his new costume.

I recall how his wife Devora and several of their small children glowed in his presence; many Jerusalem wives came to visit their husbands in the evenings, bringing welcome snacks.

But in the picnic atmosphere of our pup-tent encampment, an air of anxiety also prevailed. Morale improved when we heard that Moshe Dayan had been appointed defense minister.

At around 10:30 a.m. on June 7, Company D doubled through the Sanhedria cemetery and into a woefully shallow trench at the foot of Ammunition Hill.

The position was also dominated by the Sheikh Jarrah Police School.

Barkai and Patinkin were directly beneath its walls when the Jordanians opened fire.

The other two volunteers, who were firing back at the Jordanians from a blockhouse to the rear, were killed by machine-gun fire almost immediately. Patinkin was untouched.

Company D remained under fire all day. At nightfall, as Motta

### MEIR RONEN

Gur's paratroopers formed up in our rear, the entire area was shelled by heavy Jordanian artillery. To be above ground was to risk one's life. But Patinkin volunteered to join a work party to

bring food to men who had not eaten all day.

Patinkin served with Company D throughout the war, as we rushed the police fort at Ramallah and afterwards occupied El-Zariya on the Jericho road.

He later joined volunteers

from Company D in bringing water to Arab women and children who had fled into the desert, before ferrying them back to their homes in Eizariya in captured Jordanian vehicles.

I wonder if anyone in Eizariya remembers this.

## PERSONALIA

Full of wit and humor, nostalgia and contemporary Israeli subjects, these books should appeal to every fan of the three brilliant columnists.

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## Lower tax rates cut state revenues

STATE revenues from taxes in September totaled NIS 7.1 billion, a three percent fall in real terms from the same month last year, as a result of lower tax rates rather than slowed consumption.

In the first nine months, revenues totaled NIS 62.9b., a real increase of 3% compared with the same period of 1994, adjust-

ing for changes in legislation and transfers to the Palestinians.

Income and property tax receipts were NIS 4b. in September, a 2% real fall compared with 1994. Since the beginning of the year, receipts from the sector have risen 5% in real terms.

Preliminary data on the breakdown of the sector's receipts indi-

NEIL COHEN

cate a sharp rise in collections from salaried employees, while property tax collection fell following changes in legislation and a lower number of transactions.

Customs and VAT receipts fell 5% in real terms to NIS 3b. In the first nine months of the

year they rose 1%, though had it not been for changes in legislation and transfers to the Palestinians they would have risen 5%.

VAT receipts since the beginning of the year show an increase in consumption of more than 6%.

In September, imports of consumer durables rose, with the exception of automobiles.

Car imports totaled 7,000, similar to the number imported in September 1994.

Imports of washing machines rose 16% in the month, dishwasher imports rose 55%, VCRs 57%, televisions 39% and refrigerators 44%. However, for the nine-month period, the rises were more moderate.

## WORLD BRIEFS

US manufacturing orders up, leading indicators rise: Factory orders rose for the first time in three months during August as 1996 model cars began rolling off assembly lines, the US Commerce Department said yesterday, and a key government forecast gauge turned higher. Analysts said the reports showed the economy picking up steam after a lackluster second quarter, but still at a moderate pace that should be long-running without firing inflation pressures and risking recession.

With auto plants reopened after July retooling shutdowns, factory orders posted a 2.6 percent jump in August to a seasonally adjusted \$301.6 billion - the best gain in nine months, since a 2.7% rise last November.

Separately, the Commerce Department said its Index of Leading Indicators rose 0.2% after a 0.2% fall in July.

Reuter

IMF sees good global growth, low inflation: The global economy is expected to expand this year at a satisfactory pace without any serious indication that this will trigger inflationary pressures, the International Monetary Fund said yesterday. In its semi-annual assessment of the World Economic Outlook, the IMF noted that activity in industrial countries has slowed from last year as policy-makers concentrated on keeping inflation from stirring.

Growth in industrial countries was seen slowing to 2.5 percent this year and 2.4% in 1996 from 3.1% last year. Overall, the IMF said global output would rise 3.7% this year from 3.6% in 1994.

Reuter

Hewlett-Packard, Nokia in hand-held pact: Hewlett-Packard Co. and Oy Nokia Ab's mobile phone unit said yesterday they plan to develop hand-held devices that will provide convenient voice, data and facsimile communications.

The companies said they plan to develop next-generation devices that combine leading technologies in both the hand-held computer and mobile-telephone markets.

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VW must cut European capacity to get SEAT aid: German car maker Volkswagen must cut capacity by five to six percent in Europe as part of a bigger reduction of 30% in capacity at its Spanish subsidiary SEAT, if it is to get EU clearance for a \$371 million rescue plan for the Spanish company, a European Commission spokesman said yesterday.

Reuter

Air France to unveil European airline plans: Chairman of Air France, Christian Blanc, will today unveil plans to create a new European airline, but he faces stiff labor opposition from the group's Air Inter company, which is at the heart of the program. Air France needs to prepare for the opening up of competition in 1997, when airlines of one European Union country will be able to fly domestic routes in another.

Reuter

## Jordan calls for regional cooperation

AMMAN (AP) - Jordan supports setting up a Middle East common market once a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace settlement has been implemented, acting Prime Minister Abdul-Raouf Rawabdeh said yesterday.

"Cooperation between Middle Eastern countries in various fields will become a reality and we should work to convince people that peace works in the interest of all," he told visiting Egyptian journalists.

"I believe that the Middle East is no different from other parts of the world which have economic groupings," he said.

Jordan is prepared to promote regional cooperation through joint economic and development schemes to be discussed at the Middle East and North Africa economic summit to be held in Amman at the end of the month, Rawabdeh said.

## Court: Leeson must go to Singapore, stand trial for fraud, forgery

Frankfurt prosecutor confident defense appeal will be unsuccessful

## Bundesbank allows fall in 'repo' rate

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - The Bundesbank sanctioned a small reduction in its leading money market interest rate yesterday, but economists expected the central bank would keep its official interest rates unchanged this week.

The Bundesbank allowed its securities repurchase rate, or "repo", to decline slightly to 4.05 percent at its weekly tender from last week's 4.08% level.

Economists said the move confirms the Bundesbank may wish to steer money rates gradually lower while taking time to assess the impact of its last easing of official rates in August. Then, the central bank sliced 50 basis points off its discount and Lombard rates.

"The Bundesbank can skillfully keep interest rate cut hopes alive by slowly allowing the repo rate to drift lower, moving down some three to four basis points per week," said Joachim Fels, international economist at Goldman Sachs in Frankfurt.

The "repo" rate at which the German central bank supplies funds to banks against a deposit of securities, has been steadily declining since mid-August after spending the summer glued to the 4.50% level.

But economists said there were no new reasons to prompt another official rate cut at the Bundesbank's central council meeting today, so soon after the August easing. "If the Bundesbank were planning to cut the discount rate [today], then they would have likely allowed the repo rate to drop more significantly today," Fels added.

The discount rate, the floor to German rates, now stands at 3.50% and the Lombard rate, the ceiling to German rates, is set at 5.50%.

None of the 20 economists surveyed in a Reuters poll of European economists on Tuesday predicted a rate reduction at today's governing council meeting.

But 12 economists thought the bank would cut the discount rate once more before rates reverse and begin climbing again.

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - British trader Nick Leeson, blamed for bringing down Barings investment bank, must return to Singapore to face trial for fraud and forgery, a German court ruled yesterday.

Singapore hailed the decision but Leeson's lawyers said they would fight to overturn it on constitutional grounds and save their client from facing justice in Asia.

"We will appeal to the Federal Constitutional Court," defense lawyer Eberhard Kempf told reporters.

But Frankfurt prosecutor Hans-Hermann Eckert said he remained confident that Leeson would be sent back to Singapore sometime next year.

"The chances that he would not go to Singapore are very slight," Eckert said after the regional court ruled the former whiz-kid dealer whose Midas touch went sour could be extradited on 11 of 12 charges presented by Singapore.

Leeson could be jailed for up to 14 years if convicted.

Ironically, the one charge the court rejected was a forgery allegation Singapore authorities rushed to Germany to keep Leeson behind bars, after he was detained in early March at Frankfurt airport after a six-day international manhunt.

Leeson's appeal and the legal requirement for the federal government in Bonn to approve any extradition could delay for months Leeson's return to the Asian city-state, where his daring trading in risky futures contracts once made him a legend.

Kempf said the Supreme Court



Eberhard Kempf, lawyer for trader Nick Leeson, tells a press conference yesterday the defense will appeal the decision. (AP)

could take anything from less than a month to nearly two years to rule on Leeson's appeal.

Singapore wants to put Leeson on trial for forgery and fraud charges related to his speculative

## Apple Computer: Graziano plans to resign as CFO by end of year

CUPERTINO, California (Reuters) - Apple Computer Inc. said yesterday that its chief financial officer, Joseph Graziano, plans to leave the company by year-end due to differences in opinion with Chief Executive Michael Spindler.

Apple also said its board had

reaffirmed its full support for Spindler.

The moves came out of Apple's regularly scheduled board meeting, which was held Monday and Tuesday in Austin, Texas.

Rumors had swirled on Wall Street in advance of the meeting that the board might pressure Spindler to resign due to Apple's recent poor financial performance.

Some analysts also had speculated that the directors might pressure management to sell part or all of Apple, whose share of the global personal computer business has eroded in recent years.

But Apple mentioned nothing of such talk.

The company stressed that Spindler, who replaced John Sculley in 1993, still holds favor.

"The board will continue working with Mr. Spindler to address the challenges and exciting opportunities we face in the dynamic personal computer industry," said A.C. Markkula, Apple's chairman.

"The unprecedented demand for our new products demon-

strates the growing appeal of the Macintosh platform," Markkula added in a statement.

"We are committed to actively working with the management team of Apple under Mr. Spindler's leadership to create value for our shareholders," he said.

Indeed, demand for Apple's newest line of computers, the Power Macintosh, has been brisk since they were introduced in March 1994.

But what should be a blessing has turned into a curse for Apple, which at the end of its June quarter had \$1 billion in unfilled orders.

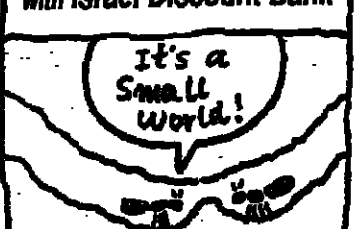
The bulging backlog stems largely from underestimating demand and product delays.

Spindler has said those problems can be rectified and Apple will get back on track, gaining market share and stemming the ever-growing threat of Microsoft Corp.'s Windows 95 operating system.

But some analysts have said Graziano, who has been in charge of Apple's finances since 1989, disagrees with that view.

According to Apple, Graziano stressed that the parting was "amicable" and that he will work with Spindler to ensure a smooth transition.

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## Sun eyes consumers, hits at Microsoft

GENEVA (Reuters) - Sun Microsystems Inc., the world's largest supplier of computer workstations for business, is expanding into consumer markets, its president said yesterday.

Sun President Scott McNealy also mocked the ability of rival Microsoft Corp.'s new Windows 95 software package, saying it was counter-productive for business.

Alleging Windows 95 lacks user friendliness, McNealy sarcastically suggested it would provide hours of safe activity in the home for children as they struggled to make the system work.

The Mountain View, California company has become the largest seller of workstations, above other US companies Hewlett-Packard Co., Digital Equipment Corp., and International Business Machines Corp.

Sun's annual revenues have swelled from \$2.5 billion in fiscal 1990 to \$5.9b. in fiscal 1995, which ended in June.

Sun also commands about two-thirds of the market for servers used by businesses hooking up to the Internet, a rapidly growing segment of the workstation market.

"We are in the enterprise market, business to business, multi-media, video-conferencing, distance learning, trading applications," McNealy said in an interview on the Sun stand at the Telecom 95 exhibition.

"But we are starting to branch out to the retail consumer using Internet technology and you will see that start to expand. Companies like Sun, which haven't been household names, will become a lot more familiar to companies and consumers - we certainly are well known in the enterprise world."

"We are starting to see some of products showing up in the consumer area - you are seeing our

SPARC chips showing up in set-top boxes, game machines, arcade machines. The users probably won't know they are using Sun systems, but anybody using the next version of Netscape [a program for searching the Internet] will."

And Sun is looking at the possibility of developing a so-called personal computer device.

"This would be a little flat panel notebook thing with a fast microprocessor. It would be inexpensive, send and receive "E" mail, surf the Internet, download Java [a Sun software device] applications. It would run applications, one at a time, small simple, usable like word processing," McNealy said.

The device would suck computing power in from a regional server, rather than being incorporated as in a more expensive personal computer.

McNealy criticized Microsoft's attempts to vie with Sun in the business market.

"What we worry about is how hard to use and unreliable the Microsoft environment has become," he said. "When you put Microsoft's Windows 95 with Office 95, I'm not sure, but I think the number is about nine million lines of code to run a simple spread sheet."

"This Windows 95 hairball has become so big so unmanageable, so hard to use, so hard to configure, so hard to keep up and running, so hard to keep secure."

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German mark	2.1116	2.1116	2.1116	2.1116
Pound sterling	4.7121	4.7121	4.7121	4.7121
French franc	0.0330	0.0330	0.0330	0.0330
Japanese yen (¥100)	2.2525	2.2525	2.2525	2.2525
Dutch guilder	1.8833	1.8833	1.8833	1.8833
Swiss franc	2.2771	2.2771	2.2771	2.2771
Swedish krona	0.4227	0.4227	0.4227	0.4227
Novusmark	0.4736	0.4736	0.4736	0.4736
Danish krone	0.2881	0.2881	0.2881	0.2881
Finland mark	0.2584	0.2584	0.2584	0.2584
Canadian dollar	0.2225	0.2225	0.2225	0.2225
Australian dollar	2.2576	2.2576	2.2576	2.2576
S. African rand	0.2145	0.2145	0.2145	0.2145
Belgian franc (₣)	1.1012	1.1012	1.1012	1.1012
Austrian schilling (₡)	2.3541	2.3541	2.3541	2.3541
Italian lire (₡000)	1.8480	1.8480	1.8480	1.8480
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.07	4.07
Syrian pound	—	—	0.84	0.84
ECU	3.8882	3.8882	3.8882	3.8882
Irish punt	4.8109	4.8109	4.8109	4.8109
Spanish peseta (₡00)	2.4104	2.4104	2.4104	2.4104

\* These rates vary according to bank. \* Bank of Israel.

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# Shohat aims for 8% to 10% inflation in '96

NEIL COHEN

THE inflation target for 1996 will be between eight percent and 10%, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat announced on Tuesday.

The target for this year is between 8% and 11%, and it seems likely that goal will be met, based on cumulative inflation so far this year. Last month, Rahamim Ozana, price division director of the Central Bureau of Statistics, estimated 1995 inflation at 9%.

Shohat said the 1996 target reflected the forecast of continued slowing of inflation and was in line with the level of inflation in Western countries. Economic observers noted that Shohat might have kept the range high to give himself flexibility in an election year.

On Monday, Shohat met with Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel and other senior management of the central bank and the Treasury.

At the meeting, the heads of

the Bank of Israel said the 1996 inflation target should be between 7% and 10%.

But senior Treasury officials said that economic indicators and forecasts showed there was little chance of hitting the lower end of the Bank of Israel's target range.

The Bank of Israel expressed disappointment at the Treasury's decision not to set a lower target rate.

Following the announcement of the consumer price index increase last month, Bank Hapoalim chief economist Patricia Bar-Shavit also rejected the Bank of Israel proposal to lower the inflation goal next year, saying it was not appropriate for an expanding economy that is still absorbing a significant number of immigrants.

If housing prices remain somewhat stable, Bar-Shavit estimated that inflation would hover between 8% and 9% next year.

## Caesarea pushes to finish aqueduct before winter

DAVID RUDGE

WORK is pressing ahead on a modern aqueduct on the outskirts of Caesarea in an effort to complete the NIS 8 million project before the winter.

The 1.2 kilometer-long aqueduct is designed to carry catch-flood waters from four streams in the Menashe region to a filter reservoir east of Caesarea.

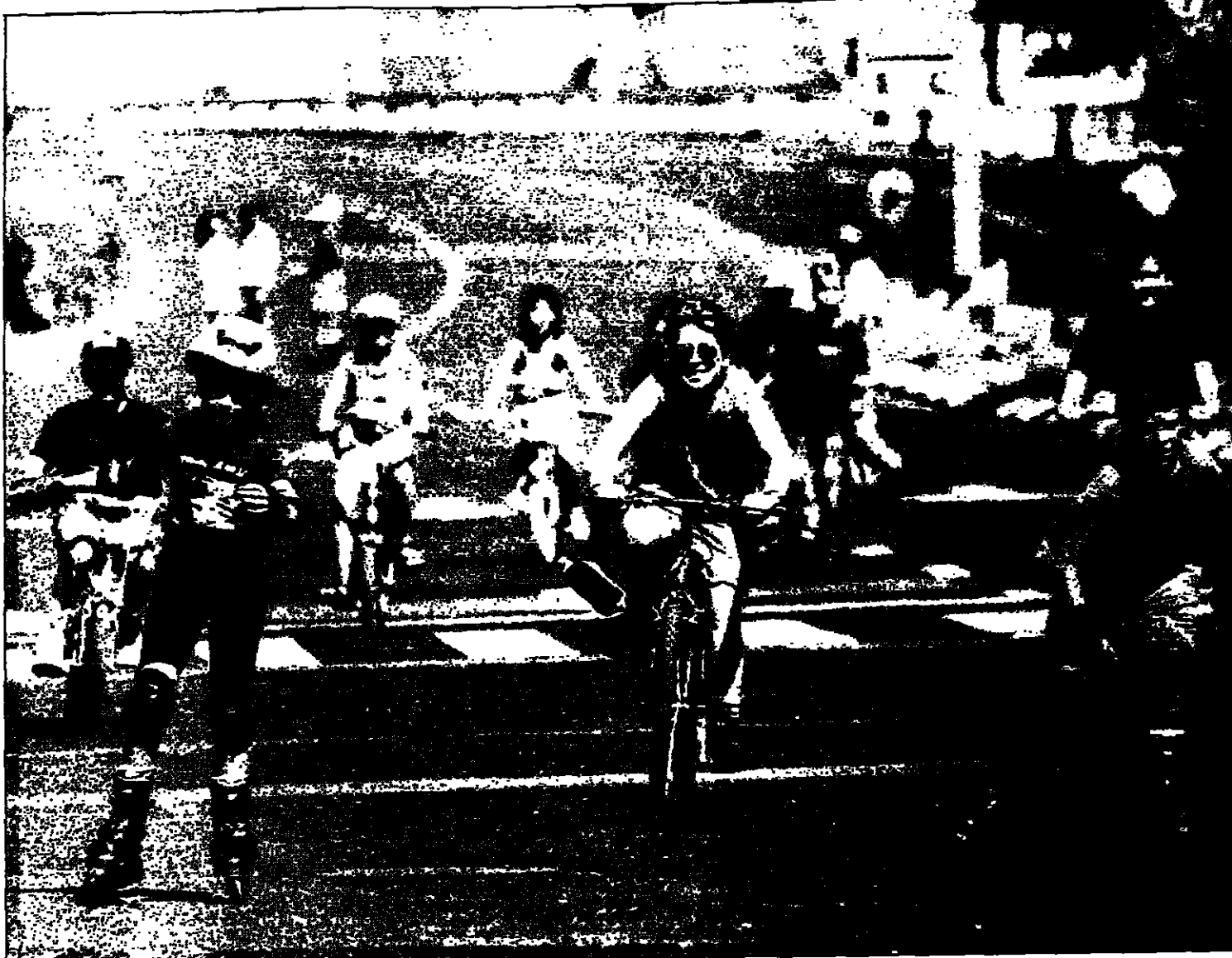
There the flood water from winter rains, which would otherwise flow into the sea, will be allowed to seep into the ground to help replenish the coastal aquifer.

The new aqueduct will replace a canal which has been in use for the past 25 years.

This system, like the canal system, will direct 10 to 30 million cubic meters of fresh water a year to the coastal aquifer, parts of which are still depleted due to years of overpumping.

Because the canal is interfering with plans to expand a huge industrial estate in the area, it was decided to construct a raised aqueduct, similar to those built by the Romans, to overcome the problem.

The project is being carried out jointly by Mekorot and the Caesarea Development Corporation. They are optimistic that the aqueduct will be finished by the beginning of next month, in time for the start of the winter.



Rollerbladers edge out a cyclist yesterday in a Yom Kippur race on Tel Aviv's Rehov Ibn Gvirol. Eighty-eight youngsters injured while bicycling, rollerblading, or skating needed first aid from Magen David Adom, which treated a total of 1,434 people at home, in MDA stations or on the roads. MDA reported that 87 persons fainted during the fast, 13 of whom had to be resuscitated; 52 women were rushed by MDA to hospitals to give birth, while two in advanced labor were helped to deliver in their own beds. There were seven incidents in which passersby tried to interfere with ambulances, but MDA noted that none of these involved haredim. MDA doctors made a total of 556 house calls to people who felt unwell at home. (Text: Judy Siegel; photo: Assaf Shiloah/Israel Sun)

## Haifa couple found beaten to death

DAVID RUDGE

AN elderly couple was found dead in their apartment in Haifa on Tuesday, having apparently been beaten to death.

The victims were identified as Maldan Boskavitch, 66, and his wife Rita, 68, who immigrated from Sarajevo three years ago.

It is not known whether they have any relatives in the country.

The couple had apparently been lying dead in the rented flat

for several weeks before the alarm was raised by neighbors who were concerned at not seeing anybody entering or leaving the place, although a window was open.

They informed the owner of the apartment who sent his son to the scene.

He immediately called the po-

lice after detecting a strong smell.

Police said the bodies of the couple were sent to the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute for an autopsy.

Police said it appeared from signs at the apartment, in the central Carmel area, that the motive for the murders was criminal and that the couple had been beaten to death. A special team will investigate the murders.

## American Jews to press pope on issuing Holocaust encyclical

NEW YORK (Reuters) - American Jewish leaders plan to ask Pope John Paul II to issue a promised encyclical on the Holocaust and antisemitism when they meet him on Saturday in New York, Jewish groups said on Tuesday.

Jewish leaders have been calling for such a document since 1987 when the pope met former US Jewish leaders for covering up his past as an intelligence officer in the German army in the Balkans during World War II.

Their protests led to a dialogue with the Vatican on Catholic-Jewish relations that centered on four issues - the pope condemning antisemitism, the Vatican recognizing the state of Israel, removing a convent from the grounds of the Nazi death camp Auschwitz, and issuing the encyclical.

"The irony is that the Waldheim issue which harmed Vatican-Jewish relations resulted in a dialogue of real accomplishment. The convent has been removed, the state of Israel recognized and the pontiff has condemned antisemitism as a sin against God and

mankind," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress.

Steinberg said real progress also was being made on an encyclical at a meeting between the Vatican and Jewish leaders in Jerusalem last year. An encyclical is a letter from the pope to bishops on church doctrine or other matters of concern.

Meanwhile, a new book discloses that the Roman Catholic church was on the verge of condemning Nazi persecution of Jews when Pope Pius XI died on the eve of World War II, but his successor, Pius XII, dropped a draft encyclical.

The text had lain buried in the Vatican archives for more than half a century until Belgian historians Georges Passelecq and Bernard Shecky found it on microfilm in the United States. It will be published in France today.

Pope Pius XI commissioned the encyclical, the highest form of papal writing, to denounce racism and antisemitism in June 1938, according to their book *L'encyclique cachée de Pie XI* (The Hidden Encyclical of Pius XI). He died in February 1939.

The encyclical, entitled *Humani Generis Unitas* (The Unity of the Human Race), included a section denouncing attacks on the natural rights of Jews by German and Italian racial laws of the time.

It declared Christianity incompatible with racism, including antisemitism. But it also echoed traditional Roman Catholic teachings against the Jewish faith.

Referring to "a flagrant denial of elementary justice for the Jews," the draft said: "This unjust, unforgiving campaign against the Jews under the cloak of Christianity has at least the advantage... of recalling the authentic basis for the social separation of Jews from the rest of humanity."

Excerpts of the encyclical were published in 1970 by the *National Catholic Reporter* but not the passage concerning the Jews. The full version had remained secret since the death of Pius XI.

The historians, a Benedictine monk and a Jewish professor, found the draft by tracking down the papers of American writer John LaFarge, who penned the draft.

## US puts pressure on alleged Lithuanian Nazi

BOSTON (Reuters) - Federal prosecutors, stepping up efforts to strip an accused Lithuanian war criminal of his US citizenship, are trying to force him to answer charges that he turned over thousands of Jews to Nazi executioners.

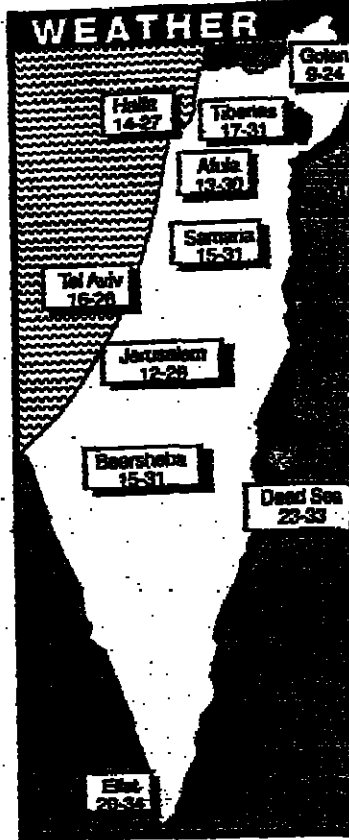
Prosecutors filed a motion late on Monday asking a federal judge to compel Aleksandras Liuleikis, 88, the secret police chief in Nazi-controlled Vilnius prov-

ince from 1941 to 1944, to answer questions about his wartime activities.

Eli Rosenbaum, head of the Justice Department Office of Special Investigations, has said Liuleikis, as head of the Saugumas or secret police, "played a leadership role in the destruction of the Jews of Vilnius," once a thriving cultural center of about 100,000 Jews, who were virtually wiped out.

Prosecutors argue that since Liuleikis concealed his alleged crimes when he entered the United States in 1955 and sought citizenship in 1976, he is not entitled to the right to plead the Fifth Amendment.

The motion was attached to a stack of what investigators called incriminating documents obtained from the Vilnius archives after the breakup of the former Soviet Union.



Forecast: Rise in temperatures. Clear and dry weather.

### AROUND THE WORLD

Location	Temp	Wind	Humidity
Tel Aviv	24-26	10-15	60-70
Haifa	18-22	10-15	60-70
Jerusalem	12-20	10-15	60-70
Beer Sheva	15-21	10-15	60-70
Dead Sea	23-33	10-15	60-70

### Winning cards

In Tuesday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, 10 of hearts, ace of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

## Four held in case of stolen Torah scrolls

THE Rehovot Magistrate's Court on Tuesday remanded four men suspected of belonging to a gang that broke into synagogues in the central region and stole Torah scrolls and other religious items, which were then sold.

Three of the suspects, Avi Zeiger, 28, of Ness Ziona, Aharon Ze'evani, 25, of Kfar Gvirol, and Uri Mahdum, 36, of Ashdod, were remanded for seven days, whereas the fourth man, Yigal Ben-Hamo, 23, was remanded for five days.

Police told the court that the Avir Ya'acov synagogue in Mazkeret Batya was broken into on September 4 and three Torah scrolls were stolen. Three days later, another three scrolls were stolen from the Bichal Zion synagogue in Ness Ziona.

Earlier this week, police arrested Ilan Bukra, 22, of Kfar Gvirol as a suspect in the case and he was remanded.

Police said the five belong to a highly organized gang in which each member had a specific role. Some members engineered the break-ins, while others were experts in selling the stolen Judaica, they said.

Sixteen Torah scrolls have been recovered and police said they are still trying to locate all the stolen scrolls. (Itm)

### SIMPSON

(Continued from Page 1) Simpson was acquitted, but was vindicated?

"I can only hope that someday, despite every prejudicial thing that has been said about me publicly, both in and out of the courtroom, people will come to understand and believe that I would not, could not and did not kill anyone," he said in a statement read by his older son, Jason.

Simpson's mother and sisters said their prayers were answered. "I just feel like standing on top of this table and dancing a jig," said his sister Shirley Baker.

Black activists cheered as if a message was sent to corrupt racist cops everywhere.

After the brief court session, a white van drove Simpson home to Rockingham Avenue in Brentwood with the media in tow. The bizarre scene recalled images of the slow-speed Bronco pursuit that served as the metaphor for his bizarre legal journey - a journey that still hasn't ended.

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## REUNIONS at The Event, Tuesday, Oct. 10, Wingate

Meet all those folks you came on aliya to get away from.

Triplet Plus	Noon to 3:00 p.m.	Hanan Lawn
Young Judea	3:00 p.m.	Hanan Lawn
Rondebosch Boys	2:30 p.m.	Rugby Stadium BBQ
Long Island	3:30 p.m.	Hanan Lawn
Bnei Akiva, North America	4:00 p.m.	Hanan Lawn
Shevet Ami Hai		
Bnei Akiva, British 1960-70	4:00 p.m.	Hanan Lawn
Habonim, California	4:00 p.m.	Hanan Lawn

## התאחדות המעסיקים והעובדים

THE SECOND TELEVISION AND RATING SURVEYS

The Israeli Joint Industry Committee and Rating Surveys (hereinafter: "the committee")

Subsequent to the public notification in reference to the rating tender (hereinafter: "the tender"), the committee hereby notifies you that as a result of tenders' inquiries, it has decided to postpone the tender proposal submission date for a period of one month.

The current date for the tender proposal submission is November 15, 1995.

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